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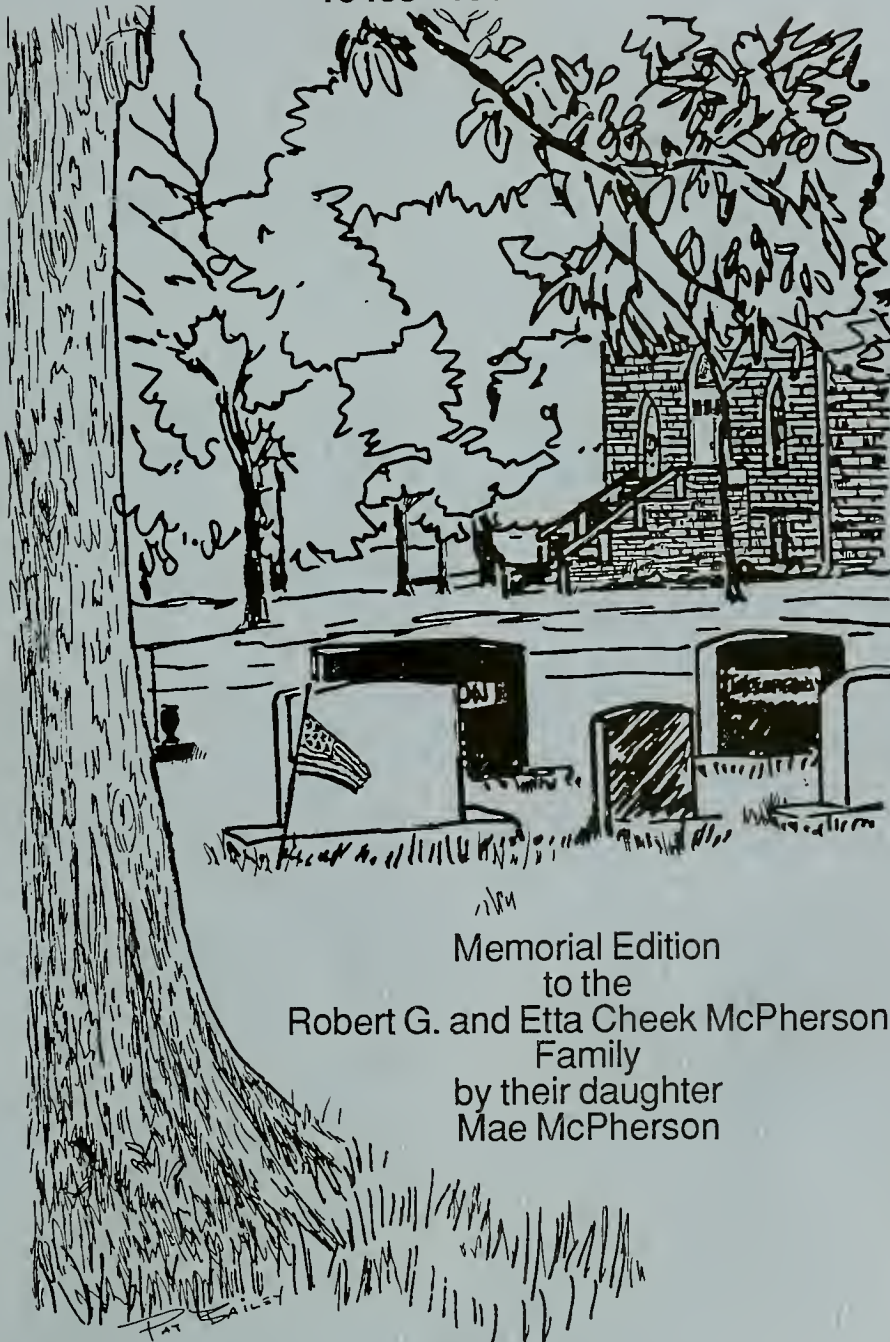
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# Back to Bethel

Cemetery Survey

1840s - 1987



Memorial Edition  
to the  
Robert G. and Etta Cheek McPherson  
Family  
by their daughter  
Mae McPherson



**CEMETERY SURVERY**  
**BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
On The Snow Camp Road In  
Southern Alamance County, North Carolina



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as a

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To

**The Robert L. and Etta Cheek  
McPherson Family**

by their daughter

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From Pat Bailey's notebook:

NOTE: This undertaking has been somewhat like constructing a crossword puzzle covering over 140 years of local names, without a central source of materials for reference....

.... over a community attendance area that touched three counties - Alamance, Orange and Chatham - in a time frame when counties were not mandated to keep vital statistics (birth/death data) as public records until 1913!

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Extensive and exhaustive efforts have gone into compiling this comprehensive survey of Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Bethel is recognized as a "Preaching Point" for Methodist circuit riders since 1819. Early services were held in local homes, the Bobbit House/school; organized as Methodist Protestant Church in 1836; and first church structure built in 1841.

Available data shows the first recorded burial as that of little Benjamin Pleasant Holt, almost three years old when he died on February 20, 1847. He was a son of the Rev. John R. and Catherine (Trollinger) Holt. He possibly was a visiting or circuit pastor.

Many depressed graves in the area of the 1844-1847 Holt marker show that, even though unmarked, there were several others in the Bethel community whose presence and identity has faded with time.

This central area of the "Old Section" was also mid-way of what was once the original cemetery enclosed by a fence. Tradition tells us that the "first burial outside the fence", on the west side, was that of Mrs. Maude (Foust) Thompson, 1899-1924 (now Row 7, #17).

Little is known of the record keeping of those early years. However, it would be impossible today to have any resemblance of a full cemetery survey without the dedicated efforts of the late Miss Marcia Foust (sister of Mrs. Maude Foust Thompson) who served as Secretary of Bethel Memorial Assoc. for over 40 years. She retrieved as best she could what early records that survived the early years, preserved, enlarged and shared this information through her care and concern for church and community.

This first limited edition of "BACK TO BETHEL", an inventory of Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery, is a beginning point on which to build as the Bethel Memorial Association celebrates its 60th anniversary, 1927-1987.

It combines the earliest surviving data, the "Marcia Foust records", the research work of Mrs. Ella Mae (Workman) Perl, the continuance of cemetery records by Cemetery Registrars, the late Harvey C. Foust, and Gray McPherson; personal cemetery data logged by the family of Cemetery Chairman Raymond Braxton, and research by Church Historian Pat Bailey.

There actually has been a "beating of the bushes" as missing identities were sought in abandoned, overgrown private cemeteries in the area.

Many thanks to those families who have shared their "Bible writings" of personal information, school records, old letters, journals and estate papers. This has been supplemented with business, census, court records, and early newspapers, as time permitted. Appreciation also for research assistance from Miss Wilma Griffin, Mrs. Louise Thompson and Miss Kim Coggins.

--- There continues to be missing links and tangled threads. ---

As with all human endeavors, there is room for errors and corrections. Where corrections are needed, notify church or cemetery officers.

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## MCPHERSONS

of "Old Orange" and southern Alamance County, North Carolina

DANIEL MCPHERSON, born ca. 1682, near Inverness, Scotland, was kidnapped, age 14, while tending sheep on his father's farm. Held shipboard captive, he was brought to America and sold as an indentured servant in the area of New Castle, Delaware. After earning his freedom, on Oct. 10, 1706 bought land in Kennett Square, Chester Co., Pa.; married 1712 Ruth Shires (of Great Britain). Daniel McPherson's Will, probated 1755 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, shows six children:

- a. Ann McPherson, 1714-1795, married 1733 in Delaware to Nathaniel Carter; migrated south to Orange Co, N.C., settled and raised a family.
- b. John McPherson, born 11-6-1718, married Mary Green.
- c. Daniel McPherson, born ca. 1722, married Mary Richardson
- \* d. William McPherson, born ca. 1726, married 1. Margaret Trego, settled Cross Creek (now Fayetteville); to Old Orange/south Alamance/Chatham Co.; first land grant to "McPherson" was in Webb Lindley section; His second wife was Phoebe Passmore.
- e. Stephen McPherson, born ca. 1728, married Mary Carter
- f. Othniel McPherson, ca. 1732-1745, "killed by lightning."

\* William McPherson by 1st wife, Margaret Trego:

Mary McPherson	married Thomas Braxton (of William)
Othniel McPherson	married Christian _____

William McPherson, by 2nd wife, Phoebe Passmore:

Ruth McPherson	married David Johnson
William McPherson	married Bettie _____
Enoch McPherson	married Paray Neal (Sarah)
Daniel McPherson	married Mary _____
Margaret McPherson	married Jesse Pierce
# John McPherson	married Hannah _____
Phoebe McPherson	married Aaron Lindley
Mary McPherson	married Edward Stewart
Ann McPherson	married John Crutchfield
Edith McPherson	married Mark Morgan

# John McPherson married Hannah \_\_\_\_\_

William McPherson married Sarah Thomas

Oliver McPherson married Deborah Newlin

James Marcellus McPherson married 1. Lizzie McPherson  
married 2. Nancy Clark

Robert Lee McPherson married 1911 Etta Cheek

Mae Wilson McPherson  
Coy Lee McPherson  
Homer Dean McPherson  
Bobbie Lee McPherson  
Willard Gordon McPherson  
Raymond Victor McPherson  
Nancy Doria McPherson  
Naomi Frances McPherson  
Ben Lewis McPherson  
Cathryn Anne McPherson

From Pat Bailey's notebook: MEET MAE MCPHERSON

Mae McPherson, whose first paying job was \$1.00 a month to clean Bethel Church, is leaving it a legacy that will last forever.

In sponsoring publication of "BACK TO BETHEL", Mae McPherson is making available for others a 140 year summary of burials in the Bethel Church cemetery. The compilation of names and dates and ancestors will give a basic foundation on which to build records as the community increases.

Mae, oldest of the ten children of Robert Lee and Ada Mirretta "Etta" (Cheek) McPherson, says she still remembers a lot about rocking cradles and carrying babies. Her youngest brother and sister were born after the family moved from the country. "Where things were about the same," she said, "except we didn't have to haul water from the spring."

"We children did anything and everything to help Mama with the housework and Papa with the farming," said Mae. "It was hard times back then. Our parents worked very hard to keep us fed and clothed."

Home for the Robert Lee and Etta (Cheek) McPherson family was the big house south of the soapstone mine. In later years it was known as the Ross Woods' place.

Even though the family was large, at meal time the table was big enough for everyone to be seated at the same time. There was a bench on one side of the table and chairs on the other.

"Every Saturday Mama would do extra cleaning and cooking. We all helped. The lamps would be filled with enough oil to last for a week, and the lamp globes soap-and-water washed. There's no telling how many scrub brooms we wore out scrubbing the wood floors of the old house. We didn't have floor coverings like rugs or linoleum."

Highlight memories of childhood were swimming in Cane Creek and visiting grandparents. Grandparents Jim and Nancy McPherson lived down the hill on the Bethel Church - South Fork Road near the Cane Creek swimming hole. "...and Grandma Nancy always had cookies or gave us a slice of cake when we came by."

"And especially nice were those Saturday afternoons when Papa would put straw in the farm wagon and Mama would cover it with a quilt. We children would ride back there to go to Grandpa and Grandma (Merriman Luther and Victoria Rich) Cheek's home up on the (Cane) mountain. They always had two extra beds made up in the extra bedroom. Grandpa Cheek was one of the best Grandpas that ever lived, and Grandma 'Vic' was about the best cook anywhere around."

Still one of Mae's cherished possessions is the split-oak hand woven lunch basket that great-grandfather Henry Rich made for her when she started to school at Bethel. She carried her lunch in it for the seven years that she walked to Bethel School.

It was when she was in the upper classes at the two-room school that Mae got her first paying job....\$1.00 a month for cleaning Bethel Church. It was a big church to the little girl. Sometimes she would pay a classmate part of her wages to go with her at school lunchtime to help do the sweeping. She recalls that there was no carpet and the wooden floor grew a lot of dust.

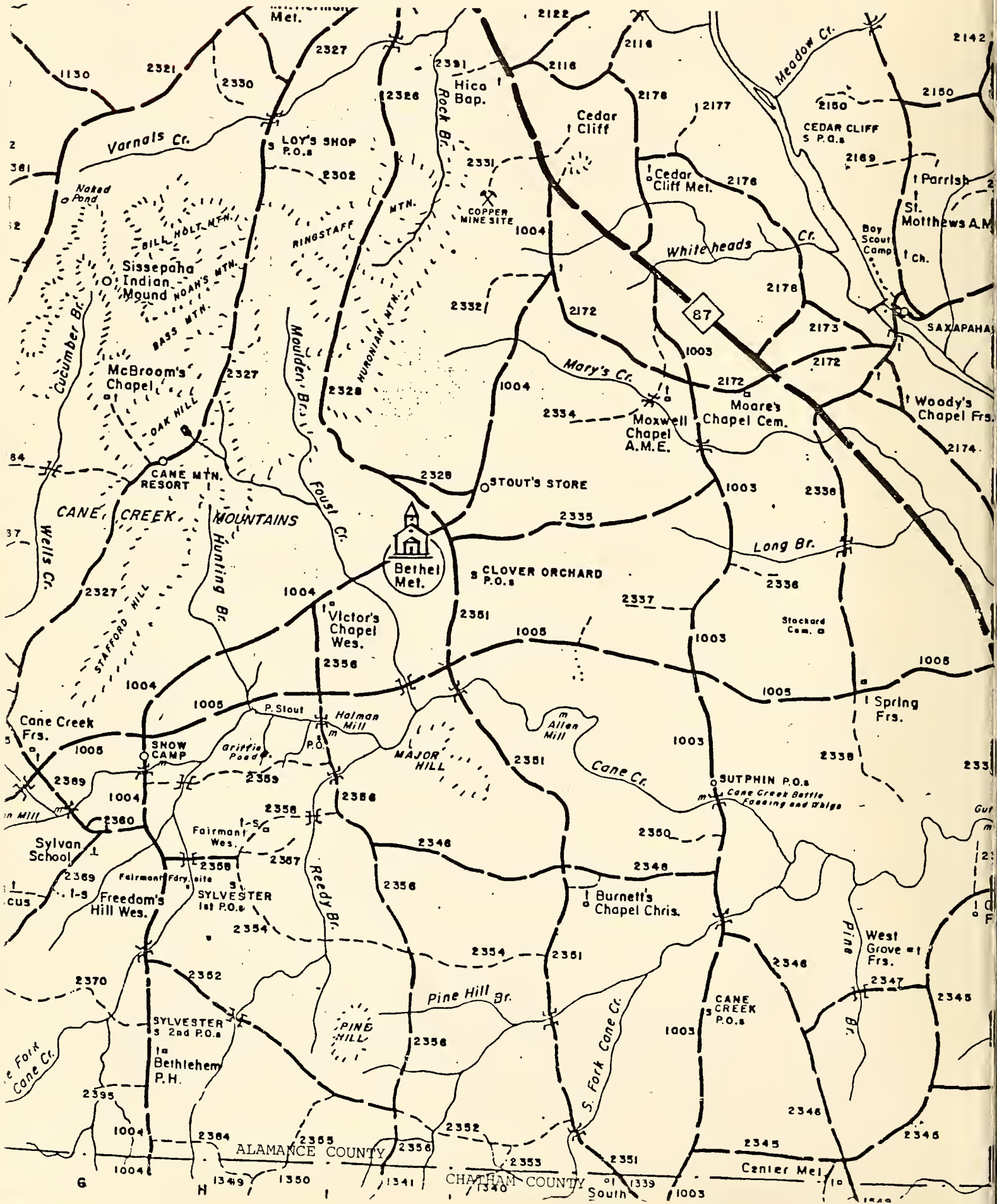
"Christmas at Bethel Church was a big occasion for everybody. The little children were expected to say speeches. And the prettiest Christmas tree of all times," she said, "was the year they put up a big holly near the choir corner."





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Map of Bethel's general attendance area



North  
East - West  
South

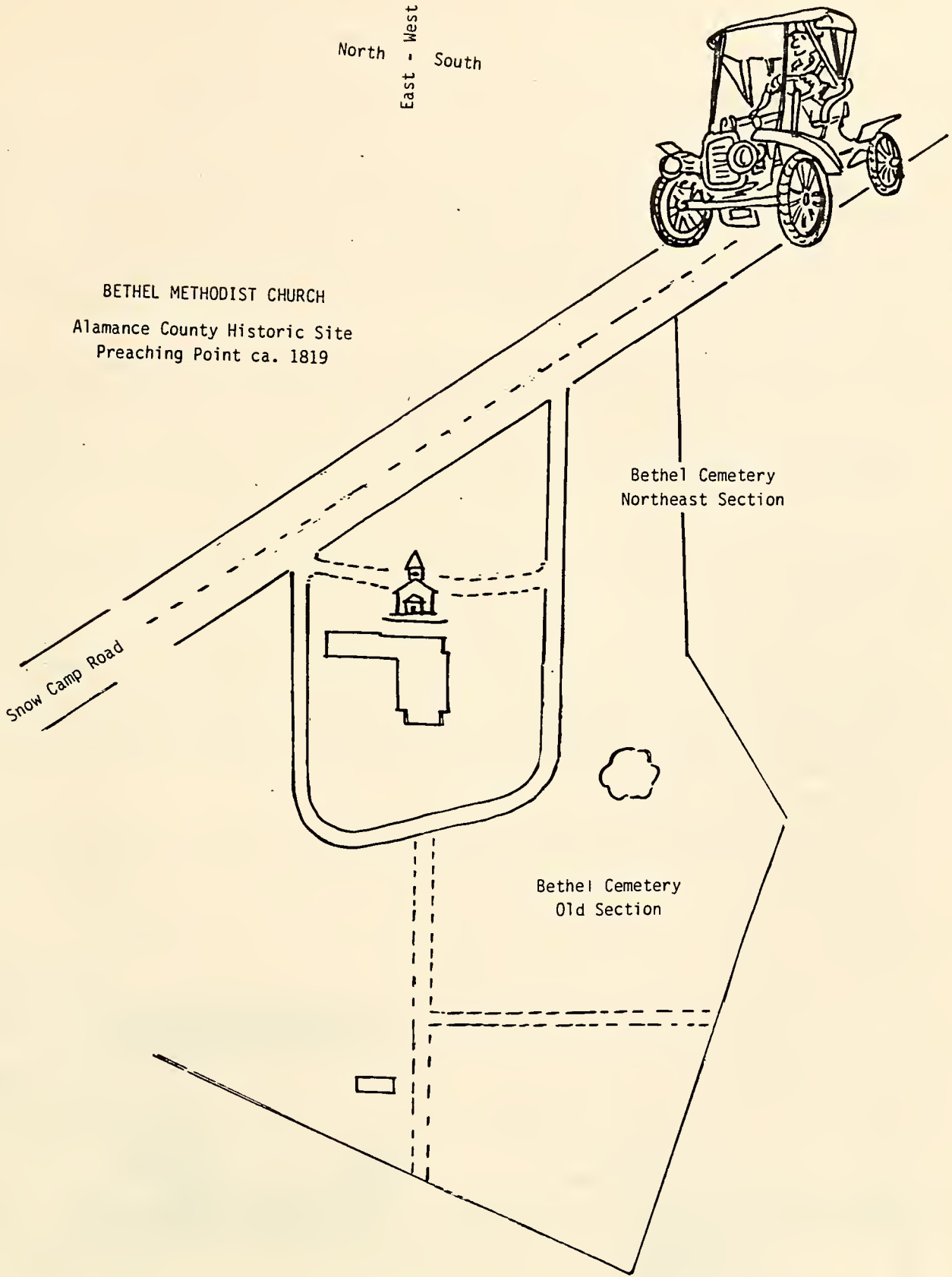


BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH  
Alamance County Historic Site  
Preaching Point ca. 1819

Snow Camp Road

Bethel Cemetery  
Northeast Section

Bethel Cemetery  
Old Section





From Pat Bailey's notebook: Montana rancher comes back to Bethel.....

**"UNCLE DEWEY" THOMPSON TELLS IT LIKE IT WAS**

What he didn't tell was how he got the nickname of "Jake."

When he came back to Bethel for a visit with the home folks, what he did tell were text book tales of custom and community.

The daring-do son of Flora and Alson Gray Thompson was named "Dewey" about ninety years ago. but it was in his growing-up years that as the legendary "Jake" he is still recalled as, "Oh...he was the one that....."

Among the "that" stories is the one about the time he dropped a bullet in the school house stove at Bethel. In the resulting explosion, fortunately no one was injured.

He knew who was raised on moonshine and cornbread; and which farmer would raise the most commotion on finding his field of watermelon stacked!

And about some of the old-timers "up on the (Cane) mountain": "Some of those old mountaineers back then....some of them lived to be so old that they didn't know how old they were. They just lived til...all of a suddenly...they got tired of living and then they laid down and died."

And about the time he hitched three mules with an evener to a walking plow, steel-beamed with an eight-inch lay. It deep-tilled down to the hard pan clay. Dewey said he still remembers walking down the furrow up to his knees. A neighbor complained to his father, "that boy isn't plowing, he's ditching!"

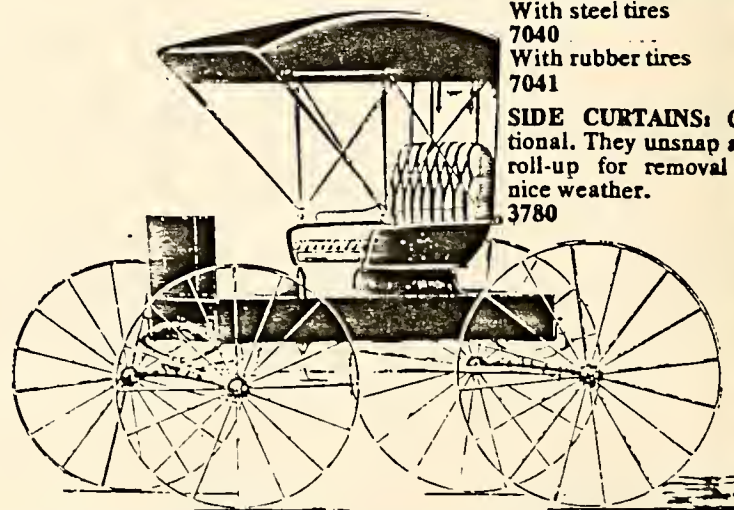
Heeding the call to "go West young man," and dismissing the nickname of "Jake" as he passed Chicago, he followed the harvest season to North Dakota territory. It was "Dewey Thompson" that found the North Dakota farm land challenging, and a pretty young lady named "Alice" more interesting than bachelorhood.

Raising a family, cultivating more acreage and riding herd on more livestock than most folks can comprehend, has seasoned the enterprising student from the old Bethel School House.

On a recent visit to Bethel and Cedar Cliff, Uncle Dewey shared fragments of information about the home communities and their turn-of-the-century ways.

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Cemeteries and Camp meetings:

"The Bethel cemetery was inside a fence of woven wire. I's sure there were two gates, a small one to walk through and a large drive-in gate. The road went between the church and the cemetery, and if you were a youngster it was quite a ways down there.

"During those week revival meeting, they had camps set up all around there where the graveyard is now. Some of the folks would stay here for the week and some would have to go home and do chores.

"I can hear some of them old Mamas now. They called them the 'Shouting Methodists.' They'd get happy and shout...."

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"We used to go to the Bethel Camp Meetings. We used to go and stay part of the time. Some of the families stayed all week. I remember staying there. But the older kids later, you know, kinda broke up (and went elsewhere).

"When the meetings were close enough to drive, our folks would go out for the day. They would get up and do their work. And they would go out and stay through the afternoon service that got out around 3 or 4 o'clock and still have time to get back home before dark.

"The meetings faded. Don't know whatever became of the 'Camp', they called it. Not everybody went. The ones that lived far off couldn't afford it. The Camp was just a place they could sleep. And if it rained, you and your stuff was under a roof.

"It was a portable type camp they put up for the revival meetings. I don't ever remember seeing a canvas tent. They (the shelters) was all made out of wood, in sections. Some of the families would haul them out and set them up. And some of the old families built 'tents' that were there for a long time. After a while they rotted down, and after they went the meetings, like everything else, kind of faded.

"They got too wise, or wealthy, or something...to support them."

"Later on the families went to church in wagons. They didn't have buggies and carriages at first. Bethel was quite a way to travel. It was quite a chore to take a wagon. them old lumber wagons had high wheels. But you could put some planks around the side and some straw on the wagon floor and it was a good place to sit and ride. Or you could take some straight back chairs, or use wagon boxes that were not too wide, and set 'em two-by-two, side-by-side. But if the team started up a little quickly, you or the chairs would go over the side.

"Dad would climb aboard the wagon, give a snap to the lines and say 'Children, hang on!' Then he would call out to the horses by name, and we would start out."

"I can remember when Dad bought that big surry. The last one was a surry. The other one was a hack. Well, it had side curtains. You could roll 'em up, and hook 'em. It was real fancy...like out of this world.

"When folks got the buggies, that done away with the Camp Meetings. Why..... you could take the family and trot your horses right along. In the big old lumber wagons it took forever to get there, over the dirt and muddy roads."

From Pat Bailey's scrapbook: "Uncle Dewey" Thompson remembers Bethel

Funeral service.....

"The pall bearers would take them out of the hearse like they do now, and carry them into the church. I can remember a long time ago when they had stools to set the casket on. Now they've got these things on rollers. Don't know what you call 'em. They roll them out to the front door and put the casket on it and roll 'em down the aisle. We used to have to go out and get 'em and place 'em."

"The hearses? They were about like those car ambulances, only they had kerosene lamps on each side. The hearses were all black, you know, and had curtains hanging in them. Before that they had horse-drawn hearses...."

"Those car-ambulance-hearses had glass windows....that could be rolled up and down. Then.....they had tinted glass you could see through but couldn't tell what color the casket was."

"Laying Out" and "Setting Up".

"It was customary to set up when somebody died. When you laid a corpse, somebody from 'round the neighborhood would come and set up all night. Sometimes they'd take turns. But somebody sat with them all the time until that person was buried.

"Way back, they would lay them (the deceased) out on their beds if it was convenient. And there was the time they would take a room of the house and clear everything out of it except the 'setting up' chairs. And they would put the body in the casket and set the casket on two chairs. Sometimes...they would keep them maybe a couple of days in the casket, or a day on the bed.

"When somebody died you'd buy a garment. Or if they had nice clothes like they do now, they'd dress them and lay them out.

"In the meantime (between the death and the funeral), if any of the neighborhood wanted to come and pass through and view them they could."



FUNERAL TALK.....

"They always 'got you' at funerals. If you were an old person or a young person, they would always get your life history. If you were a farmer or a mechanic or a housewife or whatever, they would ask your family and get a full run down of what you (the deceased) had done.

"And of course most everybody made it good....they naturally would. They would say it, and then they'd tell it...you know, read it off... 'he's got so many brothers and so many sisters...and he was born in Alamance or Orange or Chatham, or wherever he was born.....'

"They are getting away from that history of people stuff. You very seldom hear them say it now. It's more like, '\_\_\_\_\_ is being buried here...and he should have been buried because.....'





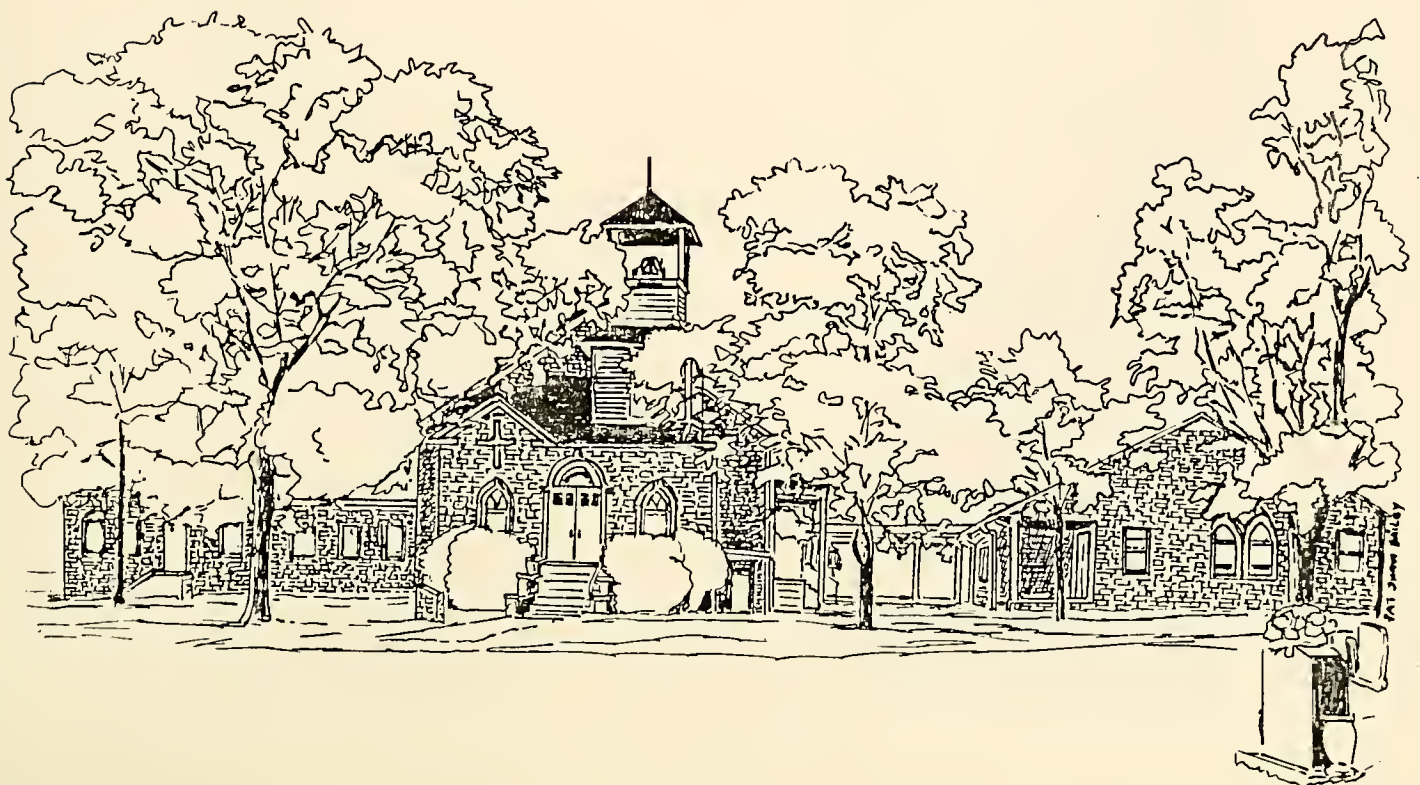
### BETHEL CEMETERY WAS ONCE ENCLOSED BY A FENCE

In the background can be seen the wire fence that surrounded Bethel cemetery until the late 1920s. Possibly there was an earlier fence, of logs or split rails, that enclosed the original cemetery which dates to the 1840s.

This photograph taken by Mrs. Mamie McBane McPherson shows the flower sprays on the July 22, 1927 grave of Mrs. Sarah Margaret Terry McPherson, the mother of her husband, Lonnie McPherson.

To the right of center is the "picture" tombstone for Mrs. Maude Forest (Foust) Thompson, sister of Marcia Foust and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. "Buddy" Foust. Maude, the first wife of Alfred T. Thompson, died January 16, 1924. Hers is said to be the "first grave outside the fence."

Photo courtesy of Gray McPherson



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Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery - Old Section

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- 7. Johnson, Pearl  
d/o Essie Pinion  
& William Marvin Johnson
- 8. Johnson, William  
s/o Essie Pinion  
& William Marvin Johnson
- 9. Johnson, William Marvin                    4-9-1888        3-3-1970    (w) Essie Pinion  
s/o Mary Jordan  
& John Johnson
- 10. Johnson, Essie Anna Pinion            8-8-1889    11-28-1958    (h) Wm. Marvin Johnson  
d/o Esther  
& John Pinion
- 11. Roberson, Roland J.                    2-25-1889    5-30-1958    (w) Lillie Love  
s/o Joella Shaw  
& Julius Roberson
- 12. Roberson, Lillie Love                    5-21-1892    12-19-1954    (h) Roland J. Roberson  
d/o Mary Ann Barber  
& Ed Love
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 14. Wood, Ava Johnson                        8-20-1905    5-12-1978    (h) Ross J. Wood  
d/o Margaret "Maggie" Clark  
& Jim Johnson

Row 2

Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery - Old Section

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- 15. Wood, Ross J. 7-27-1902 7-30-1944 (w) Ava Johnson  
s/o Josephine Neese  
& Jasper Wood
- 16. space for bench or tree
- 17. Wood, Dora Ann Roberson 5-20-1892 4-18-1975 (h) Eldridge Wood  
d/o  
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- 18. Wood, Eldridge Buddy 11-12-1878 9-2-1952 (w) Dora A. Wood  
s/o Rebecca Center  
& Calvin Burnie Wood
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- 21. Wood, James C. 7-23-1929 3-1-1960 (w) Gladys Stout  
s/o Ava Johnson she m.2 Elmer Thompson  
& Ross J. Wood Tombstone inscription: "The Lord is my shepherd"
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- 25. Brignon, Phyllis Scott 3-16-1912 7-28-1970 (h) Geo. L. Brignon, Sr.  
d/o Mary Starr  
& Carey Eugene Scott
- 26. Brignon, George Lawrence, Sr. 4-27-1910 7-10-1980 (w) Phyllis Scott  
s/o Vera McKay  
& George Brignon  
Sgt., U.S. Army, World War II
- 27. Brignon, George L., Jr. 3-23-1944 6-28-1959 Drowned  
s/o Phyllis Scott  
& George L. Brignon, Sr.



- 1. Braxton, Opal Cooke 3-11-1976 (h) Richard Braxton  
d/o Nettie Olar Andrews (Divorced)  
& Otis R. Cook "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and  
my fortress: My God; in Him will I trust."
- 2. Cook, Nettie Olar Andrews 12-15-1883 7-2-1959 (h) Otis R. Cook  
d/o  
& David Andrews
- 3. Cook, Otis R. 2-1-1882 8-3-1950 (w) Nettie O. Andrews  
s/o Mary McBane  
& John Gaston Cook
- 4. Dineen, Elziree (Cook) (Foust) 1-4-1913 (h) m.1 Fred Foust  
d/o Nettie O. Andrews m.2 Maj. Bliel L. Dineen  
& Otis R. Cook
- 5. Dineen, Maj. Bliel Moore 1902 1954 (w) Elziree Cook Foust  
s/o Mary Moore  
& William Dineen Tombstone inscription: "Retired with honorable service  
QMC USAR of 23 years in Armed Forces of the U.S. World War II  
faithfully performed, this thirtieth day of April in  
the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and  
fifty four. Mightier than the thunder of the great  
waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, the  
Lord on high is mighty."
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- 8. Foust, Bonnie McPherson 1907 (h) Wilson Foust  
d/o Sallie Bivins  
& Claude McPherson
- 9. Foust, Wilson W. 11-13-1906 3-20-1978 (w) Bonnie McPherson  
s/o Mary Jane McPherson  
& Robert Lee "Bob" Foust
- 10. Foust, Mary Jane McPherson 10-10-1872 2-19-1939 (h) Robert Lee Foust  
d/o Sarah Jane Dixon  
& John D. McPherson
- 11. Foust, Robert Lee "Bob" 12-3-1869 4-27-1942 (w) Mary Jane McPherson  
s/o Anna Dark  
& George Foust
- 12. Graves, Allene Foust 3-28-1912 (h) Lester L. Graves  
d/o Mary Jane McPherson "Rabbit"  
& Robert Lee "Bob" Foust
- 13. Graves, Lester L. ("Rabbit") 9-8-1905 12-18-1985 (w) Allene Foust  
s/o Millie Isley  
& Everette M. Graves
- 14. Thompson, Paul (w) Doris Richardson  
s/o Elizabeth "Lizzie" Burgess  
& Clyde Thompson



Row 3

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- 15. Thompson, Doris Richardson (h) Paul Thompson  
d/o Addie Bell Lewis  
& Charlie C. Richardson
- 16. Thompson, Clyde 9-2-1888 7-2-1973 (w) Eliz. "Lizzie" Burgess  
s/o Catherine Albright  
& William H. Thompson "French"
- 17. Thompson, Nancy Elizabeth 8-24-1891 6-10-1964 (h) Clyde Thompson  
"Lizzie" Burgess  
d/o Fannie Cooper  
& Monroe Burgess
- 18. Thompson, Bernice Wylline 11-4-1923 7-25-1936 Died from complications  
d/o Elizabeth "Lizzie" Burgess following insect sting.  
& Clyde L. Thompson
- 19. Braxton, Elizabeth "Lizzie" 4-11-1873 11-25-1962 (h) Micajah Braxton  
Stafford  
d/o Catherine McCauley  
& George Stafford
- 20. Braxton, Micajah Monroe "Cajer" 3-5-1870 5-10-1944 (w) Elizabeth "Lizzie"  
s/o Mary McPherson Stafford  
& Jonathan Braxton
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- 26. Smith, Alan Wayne 12-20-1959 12-21-1959  
s/o Maggie Law  
& Gaither Smith
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2. Foust, Cheryl Ann November 14, 1958  
 d/o Geneva Braxton  
 & Wyatt Foust

3. Foust, Effie Wyatte 4-14-1882 5-4-1963 (h) Wm. Rezent  
 d/o Martha Ellen Patton "Rezzie" Foust  
 & James Mangum Edward Wyatte

4. Foust, William Rezent "Rezzie" 10-13-1879 9-11-1943 (w) Effie Wyatt  
 s/o Sarah Catherine Roberson  
 & John Arrington Foust

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8. Hogan, Sally Tapp 5-16-1883 1-31-1943 (h) Luther J. Hogan  
 d/o Harriet Foust  
 & Richard Tapp

9. Hogan, Luther J. 1884 1972 (w) Sally Tapp  
 s/o Rosie Ella Poe  
 & William Daniel Hogan

10. McPherson, Lucille Fowler Isley 6-7-1903 4-25-1961 (h) m.1 Cecil Isley  
 d/o Nancy Griffin m.2 as 2nd w/o  
 & Thomas Benton Fowler Paul Holt McPherson

11. McPherson, Sarah Lillian Foust 5-26-1905 9-20-1938 (h) Paul Holt McPherson  
 d/o Mary Jane McPherson  
 & Robert Lee "Bob" Foust

12. McPherson, Paul Holt 2-17-1903 10-16-1971 m.1 Lillian Foust  
 s/o Mattie Holt m.2 Lucille Fowler Isley  
 & Judge Carr McPherson m.3 Elizabeth Draper

13. Holt, Rev. Charles Phillips 7-4-1866 1-8-1953 (w) Pearl Neese  
 s/o Mary "Polly" Thompson, 2nd w/o  
 & Seymour Holt, Sr.

14. Holt, Pearl Lillian Neese 8-20-1884 1-7-1936 (h) Rev. Chas. P. Holt  
 d/o Jane Albright  
 & John W. Neese

Row 4

Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery - Old Section

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- 15. Teague, Charlie 1896 1928  
s/o Rosa Ann Lindley  
& Gilmer/Gilmore Teague
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- 18. Foust, Maggie Allen 11-16-1898 5-17-1931 (h) George W. Foust  
d/o Ida Allen  
& John H. Allen
- 19. Foust, George W. (Pvt. US Army WW I) 1894 1976 m.1 Maggie Allen  
s/o Eleanor Stafford, 1st w/o m.2 Effie Andrews Wrenn  
& John Manly Foust m.3 Mae McPherson (below)
- 20. Foust, Mae McPherson Gibson Henderson 5-12-1905 3-24-1976 m.1 Bob Gibson  
d/o Mary Catherine Williams, 2nd w/o m.2 Lonnie Henderson  
& John Jack McPherson (s/o Ingram McPherson) m.3 Geo. W. Foust
- 21. McPherson, J. Guy  
s/o Virgie Allen  
& Thomas Webber McPherson
- 22. Little, Charlie 12-15-1902 12-2-1950 (w) Ruth McPherson  
s/o Ida  
& George Little (Roanoke, Va.)
- 23. Thompson, Ruth McPherson Little 7-22-1911 m.1 Charlie Little  
d/o Virgie Allen m.2 Julian Carr Thompson  
& Thomas Webber McPherson
- 24. McPherson, William 12-13-1916 5-14-1961 (w) Roxie Griffin  
s/o Virgie Allen  
& Thomas Webber McPherson  
Pvt., 72 AAA Gun. BN. CAC, WW II
- 25. McPherson, Virgie Allen 6-20-1880 11-14-1954 Thos. Webber McPh.  
d/o Caroline Stuart  
& John Allen
- 26. McPherson, Thomas Webber 3-31-1880 3-12-1953 (w) Virgie Allen  
s/o Nancy Clark, 2nd w/o  
& James Marcellus "Jim" McPherson
- 27. Harlukowicz, Susan Angela 5-12-1960 6-30-1960  
d/o Margaret Stout  
& Robert Harlukowicz
- 28. Harlukowicz, Barry Lee 10-7-1957 5-3-1976  
s/o Margaret Stout  
& Robert Harlukowicz

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3. Bailey, Berteen Stafford (h) Chas. McKinley Bailey  
 d/o Elmira King  
 & James S. Stafford

4. Bailey, Charles McKinley "Ken" 1900 1982 (w) Berteen Stafford  
 s/o Sallie Greer  
 & Thomas B. Bailey

5. Bailey, Thomas Dail 10-23-1939 4-16-1940  
 s/o Berteen Stafford  
 & Charles McKinley Bailey

6. Stafford, Mary Jewell 1895 1955 Never married  
 d/o Elmira King  
 & James S. Stafford

7. Stafford, Elmira C. King 1868 1910 (h) James S. Stafford  
 d/o Abigail Presnell  
 & James King  
 (married Christmas Eve 1889)

8. Stafford, James Stockard 11-10-1857 5-16-1939 (w) Elmira King  
 s/o Sarah Ellen Albright  
 & Wm. Nathan Stafford

9. Stafford, Nannie Bell 1891 1891  
 d/o Elmira King  
 & James S. Stafford

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11. McPherson, Sadie Thompson Hinshaw 2-4-1896 8-31-1865 m.1 Spurgeon Hinshaw  
 d/o Sybal Kemp m.2 O. Roscoe McPherson  
 & Solomon R. Thompson

12. McPherson, Oliver Roscoe 11-26-1890 7-14-1946 Sadie Thompson Hinshaw  
 s/o Nancy Clark, 2nd w/o  
 & James Marcellus "Jim" McPherson

13. McPherson, Nancy Perry Clark 6-27-1862 4-20-1942 2nd w/o James Marcellus  
 d/o Elizabeth "Betsy" Perry "Jim" McPherson  
 & Oliver Clark

14. McPherson, James Marcellus "Jim" 4-6-1849 9-2-1927 m.1 Elizabeth "Lizzie"  
 s/o Deborah Newlin McPherson  
 & Oliver McPherson m.2 Nancy Perry Clark

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Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery - Old Section

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| 15.                     | McPherson, Enoch<br>s/o Sarah M. Terry<br>& Gray McPherson                 | 8-12-1886             | 3-2-1941   |                                   |
| 16.                     | McPherson, Sarah Margaret Terry<br>d/o Jemima Norwood<br>& William Terry   | 1855                  | 7-20-1927  | (h) Gray McPherson                |
| 17.                     | McPherson, Gray<br>s/o Nancy Dark<br>& Wm. Enoch McPherson                 | 8-1-1851              | 2-13-1930  | (w) Sarah M. Terry                |
| Space for bench or tree |  |                       |            |                                   |
| 18.                     | McPherson, Mary Rachel "Mamie"<br>d/o Sarah Brown<br>& William Joel McBane | McBane 1883           | 1966       | (h) Lonnie McPherson              |
| 19.                     | McPherson, Lonnie<br>s/o Sarah M. Terry<br>& Gray McPherson                | 10-24-1882            | 8-21-1975  | (w) Mary Rachel<br>"Mamie" McBane |
| 20.                     | Shroyer, Lillie Mae Foust<br>d/o Luzena Ferrell, 2nd w/o<br>& Jacob Foust  | 1-19-1882             | 5-30-1930  | (h) Ross Shroyer                  |
| 21.                     | McVey, Elizabeth "Bet" Foust<br>d/o Sallie Snotherly<br>& Peter Foust      | 8-12-1855             | 11-17-1933 | (h) James B. McVey                |
| 22.                     | McVey, James B. "Jim"<br>s/o Caroline Marshall<br>& Anderson McVey         | 10-20-1861            | 7-11-1938  | (w) Eliz. "Bet" Foust             |
| 23.                     | McPherson, Linda Jeanette<br>d/o Flora Allen<br>& F. Ralph McPherson       | b/d February 11, 1942 |            |                                   |
| 24.                     | McPherson, Flora Allen<br>d/o Ellie Herron<br>& Oscar Allen                | 9-17-1902             | 7-24-1984  | (h) F. Ralph McPherson            |
| 25.                     | F. Ralph McPherson<br>s/o Fleta Workman<br>& Adolphus McPherson            | 8-20-1901             | 6-11-1946  | (w) Flora Allen                   |
| 26.                     | _____  |                       |            |                                   |
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| 27.                     | Caviness, James Thomas<br>s/o Betty Bradsher, 1st w/o<br>& J. T. Caviness  | 1958                  | 1958       |                                   |

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| 1.  | Stout, Mary Bailey<br>d/o Sallie Greer<br>& Thomas B. Bailey                             | 4-9-1896                                   | 12-31-1972 | (h) J. Everett Stout                                |
| 2.  | Stout, Jesse Everett<br>s/o Julia Allen<br>& William Arlendo Stout                       | 11-5-1892                                  | 1-10-1979  | (w) Mary Bailey                                     |
| 3.  | Stout, Joseph<br>s/o Mary Bailey<br>& J. Everett Stout                                   | October 4, 1942                            |            |   |
| 4.  | Bailey, Thomas Baker<br>s/o Elizabeth "Betsy" Johnson<br>& David Bailey                  | 12-10-1873                                 | 8-28-1945  | (w) m.1 Sallie Greer<br>m.2 Onnie Davis             |
| 5.  | Bailey, Sallie Greer / Greyer<br>d/o _____ Moore<br>& William Anderson Greer             | 6-21-1874                                  | 4-25-1942  | (h) Thomas B. Bailey                                |
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| 7.  | Lindley, Annie Mary Thompson<br>d/o Eleanor "Ella" Foust<br>& Robert S. Thompson         | 1-30-1886                                  | 12-13-1951 | (h) Ressa W. Lindley                                |
| 8.  | Lindley, Ressa W.<br>s/o Phoebe Love<br>& William Lindley                                | 4-25-1883                                  | 10-1-1967  | (w) m.1 Annie Thompson<br>m.2 Myrtle                |
| 9.  | Thompson, Sarah Stafford<br>d/o Mary A. "Mollie" McPherson<br>& George Newton Stafford   | 10-23-1901                                 | 1975       | (h) Lonnie A. Thompson                              |
| 10. | Thompson, Lonnie A.<br>s/o Eleanor Foust "Ella"<br>& Robert S. Thompson                  | 12-20-1902                                 | 1982       | (w) Sarah Stafford                                  |
| 11. | Thompson, Julian Carr<br>s/o Eleanor Foust "Ella"<br>& Robert S. Thompson<br>U.S. Army   | 9-26-1900                                  | 12-3-1982  | (w) m.1 Pauline McAllister<br>m.2 Ruth McPh. Little |
|     |  | (on tombstone, Star of David is incorrect) |            |   |
| 12. | Thompson, Martha Ella Foust<br>d/o Angeline Snipes<br>& John Foust, Jr.                  | 4-24-1861                                  | 1-5-1944   | (h) Robt. S. Thompson                               |
| 13. | Thompson, Robert Sabert<br>s/o Luzena Blair<br>& Sabert W. Thompson                      | 8-18-1859                                  | 12-30-1936 | (w) Martha Ella Foust                               |
| 14. | Cooper, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Thompson<br>d/o Luzena Blair, 2nd w/o<br>& Sabert W. Thompson | 8-18-1859                                  | 1-27-1924  | (h) 2nd w/o Alson<br>Gray Cooper                    |



- 15. Bivins, Daniel Thompson 11-28-1924 12-2-1925  
s/o Ione "Onie" Thompson  
& J. Braxton Bivins
- 16. Bivins, Ione "Onie" Thompson 2-17-1890 1-14-1969 (h) J. Braxton Bivins  
d/o Eleanor Foust  
& Robert S. Thompson
- 17. Bivins, J. Braxton 2-16-1889 3-28-1978 (w) Ione "Onie"  
s/o Ellen Braxton Thompson  
& Daniel Bivins
- 18. Holmes, Ralph Wendell 3-15-1893 Attended Bingham Academy;  
s/o Mary Elizabeth Foust grad. UNC-Chapel Hill 1914  
& Rev. George W. Holmes 48 yr. educator / mountain to coast
- 19. Holmes, Minnie May 5-6-1895 10-12-1962  
d/o Mary Ann Elizabeth Foust  
& Rev. George W. Holmes
- 20. Holmes, Mary Ann Elizabeth Foust 4-29-1866 12-16-1961 (h) Rev. Geo. W. Holmes  
d/o Angeline Snipes  
& John Foust, Jr.
- 21. Holmes, Rev. George Washington 2-11-1856 12-11-1937 (w) Mary Ann Eliz. Foust  
s/o Jane Anderson Thompson Reg. # 128, N.C. Methodist Conference  
& William Holmes Ordained 1903; Pres. Yadkin College
- 22. Cooper, Joseph Edward 1874 1936 m.1 Helen \_\_\_\_\_  
s/o Sarah Marie Ray m.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Clapp  
& Alson Gray Cooper
- 23. McPherson, Nanny  
d/o Maude McPherson  
& W. Lawrence McPherson
- 24. McPherson, Mary Maude McPherson 4-8-1885 2-10-1957 (h) W. Lawrence McPh.  
d/o Nancy Perry Clark, 2nd w/o  
& James Marcellus "Jim" McPherson
- 25. McPherson, W. Lawrence 9-7-1883 1-28-1962 (w) Maude McPherson  
s/o Sarah Jane Dixon  
& John D. McPherson
- 26. McPherson, Leonard  
s/o Maude McPherson  
& W. Lawrence McPherson
- 27. Lloyd, Judy Louise 10-6-1945 7-3-1960  
d/o Irene Johnson  
& Amick Lloyd
- 28. Lloyd, Irene Johnson (h) Amick Lloyd  
d/o Rosa Crutchfield  
& Rufus Johnson
- 29. Lloyd, Amick (w) Irene Johnson  
s/o Maudie Quakenbush  
& John Lloyd

- 30. McPherson, Grace (h) James Paul McPherson  
d/o Maude McPherson  
& W. Lawrence McPherson
- 31. McPherson, James Paul 5-12-1920 11-23-1981 (w) Grace McPherson  
s/o Lorna Smith  
& Paul Vesta McPherson  
Pvt., U. S. Army, WW II
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BETHEL COMMUNITY COULD HAVE BEEN CALLED "SCHNATTERLY"

The Mary Schnatterly, born 1763 in Bethel Township of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, who married Peter Foust, of same area, came to North Carolina and named their Foust homestead (now on the Snow Camp Road) "Bethel....because of the likeness to their Bethel Township in Pennsylvania."

The name "Schnatterly" (Pa.) transitioned to "Snotherly" (N.C.) when her parents, George Phillip Schnatterly, and wife, Elizabeth Turley, sold their farm adjacent to the Eisenhowers (President Dwight D.'s family) and migrated south to "Old Orange" County, N.C.

George Phillip Schnatterly's Will, dated January 1793, Lancaster, Pa., was probated in November 1793 in Orange County, N.C. He and his wife are buried at Stoner's Cemetery (between Southern Alamance High School and Belmont Village). Phillip was one of the first Deacons at Stoner's Church, which no longer exists.

Of their nine children, this information is shared by Mrs. Alba Lee Scott of Knoxville, Tenn., who inquired of south Alamance's Bethel about her kinfolk.

Elisabetha Schnatterly married Daniel Foust (Guilford Co.); Mary (mentioned above) married Peter Foust (early to south Alamance); and John married Elizabeth Gibbs (kin of Stockards and Eflands) and moved 1790s to Tennessee where their home is on the National Register at Knoxville.

Peter Jacob Snotherly (note name change) married Mary Loy (Randolph Co. NC); Susannah married William Osborne (to Ohio); Rachel married William Stout (Davidson Co.); Henry married Mary Thomas (to Tenn. in 1815); and Sarah Snotherly (no further records).

Catherine "Dutch Katie" Snotherly married 1802 Orange Co., N.C. Josiah "Uncle Si" Thompson of the "English Tommy" Thomas Thompson (sometimes called the "Saxapahaw Thompsons").

- 1. Cooper, Fern Workman (h) James Cooper  
d/o Nancy "Nan" Griffin  
& Otis C. Workman
- 2. Cooper, James "Jim" (w) Fern Workman  
s/o Bessie Thompson  
& A. G. "Dock" Cooper
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- 5. Workman, Nancy B. "Nan" Griffin 3-14-1893 7-3-1953 (h) Otis C. Workman  
d/o Edith E. McPherson  
& James Griffin
- 6. Workman, Otis Clarence 1-3-1883 3-10-1969 (w) Nancy "Nan" Griffin  
s/o Louisa Elizabeth York  
& Nathan Workman
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- 8. Bailey, Cecil Harrison 2-3-1908 9-11-1944 (w) m.1 Lessie Wood  
s/o Sallie Greer m.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Brown  
& Thomas Baker Bailey
- 9. Vincent, Nannie Belle Bailey 2-26-1903 6-9-1950 (h) Maben Vincent  
d/o Sallie Greer  
& Thomas Baker Bailey
- 10. Vincent, Maben 7-13-1897 9-20-1981 (w) Belle Bailey  
s/o Mary Lucinda Harris  
& Joseph Henry Vincent
- 11. Godfrey, Robert Bryce 10-9-1913 5-24-1986  
s/o Florence Murray  
& William A. Godfrey
- 12. Godfrey, Florence Murray 7-2-1885 11-5-1962 (h) Wm. A. Godfrey  
d/o Mary Richardson  
& John Murray
- 13. Godfrey, William Ashley 1-21-1877 3-13-1965 (w) Florence Murray  
s/o Jincey Love  
& Malcolm Godfrey
- 14. Godfrey, Arthur Lee 1-8-1926 5-14-1926  
s/o Florence Murray  
& William A. Godfrey

- 15. Foust, Minnie McPherson 9-29-1874 5-4-1958 (h) Albert Lee Foust  
d/o Eliz. "Lizzie" McPherson ("in Indiana") Benefactor family of Foust Trust  
& James Marcellus "Jim" McPherson for Bethel Memorial Association &  
Bethel United Methodist Church
- 16. Foust, Albert Lee "Buddy" 12-15-1870 1-24-1956 (w) Minnie McPherson  
s/o Angeline Snipes Benefactor famiy of Foust Trust  
& John Foust, Jr. 30+year Treasurer of Bethel Memorial Association
- 17. Thompson, Maude Forest Foust 7-3-1899 1-16-1924 (h) Alfred R. Thompson  
d/o Minnie McPherson  
& Albert Lee Foust Inscription: "She was the sunshine of our home."
- 18. Foust, Marcia Elizabeth 7-29-1896 8-16-1981 Genealogist / Historian  
d/o Minnie McPherson Benefactress of Foust Trust for  
& Albert Lee Foust Bethel United Methodist Church &  
Bethel Memorial Association; &  
40+years Secretary of Memorial Association
- 19. Foust, Cornelia Forest Moore 6-3-1856 6-20-1927 (h) Wm. Arlendo Foust  
d/o Annie Roberson  
& Green Moore Inscription: "May she rest in peace."
- 20. Foust, William Arlendo "Lindo" 9-24-1856 12-23-1946 (w) Cornelia Moore  
s/o Angeline Snipes  
& John Foust, Jr.
- 21. Foust, Vera Teague 4-30-1896 4-20-1985 (h) W. Herbert Foust  
d/o Mollie Fogleman  
& Dan Teague
- 22. Foust, W. Herbert 1-21-1896 5-20-1973 (w) Vera Teague  
s/o Cornelia Moore  
& Wm. Arlendo Foust
- 23. Sutton infant 1936 1936  
c/o Bertha Bailey ? Martha Bailiff  
& Lawrence Sutton
- 24. Bailey, Hoyt 11-21-1913 5-12-1924  
s/o Daisy Overman  
& Levi B. Bailey
- 25. Bailey, Levi B. ? Bailiff 1883 1936 (w) Daisy Overman  
s/o Elizabeth Johnson  
& David Bailey
- 26. Bailey, Daisy Overman 1889 1946 (h) Levi B. Bailey  
d/o Mary Clapp  
& John F. Overman
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- 3. Perl, Ella Mae Workman 10-9-1987  
d/o Nevada Fair  
& Wilburt W. Workman
- 4. Workman, Nevada Fair 1885 1985 (h) Wilburt W. Workman  
d/o Fountain Allie  
& James Fair
- 5. Workman, Wilburt W. 11-1-1881 11-18-1969 (w) Nevada Fair  
s/o Elizabeth V. Turner  
& D. H. Workman
- 6. Workman, Elizabeth V. Turner 11-2-1855 7-23-1933 (h) Durant Hatch Workman  
d/o Nancy May (9-26-1933 on tombstone)  
& Manley Turner
- 7. Braxton, Madge Hargrove (h) Raymond Braxton  
d/o Ruby Smith  
& Ross Hargrove
- 8. Braxton, Raymond (w) Madge Braxton  
s/o Bertha Harris  
& Oscar C. Braxton
- 9. Braxton, Bertha Mae Harris 6-19-1881 1-21-1965 (h) Oscar C. Braxton  
d/o Mary Jane Lindley  
& Rev. Alfred Harris
- 10. Braxton, Oscar Cicero 6-27-1880 8-20-1971 (w) Bertha Harris  
s/o Mary McPherson  
& Jonathan Braxton
- 11. Foust, Eunice Herron (h) Edgar Foust  
d/o Martha Sharp  
& Broadie Herron
- 12. Foust, Edgar (w) Eunice Herron  
s/o Pearl Payne  
& Peter Willis Foust
- 13. Foust, Pearl Payne 4-1-1875 3-22-1952 (h) Peter Willis Foust  
d/o Sophie Lov  
& Patterson Payne
- 14. Foust, Peter Willis 7-8-1871 2-27-1936 (w) Pearl Payne  
s/o Anna "Annie" Dark  
& George Foust
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Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery - Old Section

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17. Roberson, Joella Shaw 12-15-1864 4-10-1943 (h) Julius Merriot  
 d/o Margaret Albright Roberson  
 & James Shaw
18. Roberson, Julius Merriot 1854 1927 (w) Joella Shaw  
 s/o Eleanor Coble "Ellie" "Nellie"  
 & Nathaniel Roberson
19. Bivins, Mary Ann Elizabeth 12-31-1857 7-18-1926 2nd w/o David A. Bivins  
 "Bettie" Payne  
 d/o Sophia Loy  
 & George Patterson Payne
20. Bivins, David Alexander 9-18-1848 2-16-1932 m.1 Margaret A. Roberson  
 s/o Sallie Andrews m.2 Mary E. Betty Payne  
 & Stephen Bivins
21. Bivins, Lizzie Rumbley 11-18-1879 7-17-1943 (h) Wm. H. Bivins  
 d/o Mary Shatterly  
 & George Washington Rumbley
22. Bivins, William Haywood 1-17-1882 3-16-1952 (w) Lizzie Rumbley  
 s/o Mary E. "Bettie" Payne  
 & David A. Bivins
23. Smith, Bonnie Mae Herron 1922 (h) J. Howard Smith  
 d/o Sexie Walters  
 & Broadie Herron
24. Smith, J. Howard 1919 (w) Bonnie Mae Herron  
 s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. Herring, Rachel Kimball 7-4-1897 2-23-1979 (h) James Thomas  
 d/o Pheobe Jane Boggs "Tom" Herring  
 & John Kimball
- 27.\* Herron/Herring, James Thomas "Tom" 1-7-1889 10-17-1970 (w) Rachel Kimball  
 s/o Angeline McVey  
 & John Gurney Herron
- \* See story page 30
28. #233 Smith, Mary Jane House 1865 2-7-1934 (h) Rbt. G. Smith  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_ Rowan County  
 & John House
29. #234 Smith, Robert G. 1879 1944 (w) Mary Jane Smith  
 s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_
30. Smith, Ruth Ann Lawrence 10-13-1899 9-10-1947 (h) Zeb Vance Smith  
 d/o Bertha Gauldin (Va.)  
 & James Lawrence (See note: Row 8, #32)



Row 9

Bethel Methodist Church - Old Section

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- 3. Love, Mildred "Bill" Thompson (h) Ervin Love  
 d/o Belle Stafford  
 & Claude Thompson
- 4. Love, Ervin 4-10-1923 5-28-1986 (w) Mildred "Bill"  
 s/o Ora Thompson  
 & Thomas Love
- 5. Stafford, William Malcolm 5-28-1881 4-28-1961 (w) Charlotte Beaman  
 s/o Mary Catherine Roberson  
 & Thomas Stafford
- 6. Thompson, Belle Stafford 9-30-1884 9-16-1967 (h) Claude Thompson  
 d/o Mary Catherine Roberson  
 & Thomas Stafford
- 7. Thompson, Claude Horaco 3-11-1887 1-9-1955 (w) Belle Stafford  
 s/o Flora Thompson  
 & Alson Gray Thompson
- 8. Stafford, T. Nathaniel "Nat" 10-4-1876 4-14-1950 Never married  
 s/o Mary Catherine Roberson  
 & Thomas Stafford
- 9. Woody, Mary Ellen Shaw 8-22-1853 11-9-1927 (h) Joseph Woody  
 d/o Elizabeth "Betsy" Albright  
 & Robert Shaw "Bob"
- 10. Woody, Joseph 12-27-1844 4-10-1915 (w) Mary Ellen Shaw  
 s/o Mary Woody  
 & Thomas Woody
- 11. Woody, Joseph Alfred 8-18-1913 9-25-1980 Pfc., U.S. Army  
 s/o Callie Zachary World War II  
 & Harvey Woody
- 12. Roberson, George Leroy Sr. 7-25-1886 4-16-1969 m.1 Mattie Brewer  
 s/o Joella Shaw m.2 Wallaska Louise  
 & Julius Roberson Brewer  
 m.3 Ethel Saunders
- 13. Roberson, Louise Wallaska Brewer 3-4-1881 4-10-1936 2nd w/o G.L. Roberson Sr.  
 d/o Martisa Thrift  
 & Cave Jonathan Brewer
- 14. Roberson, Mattie Arcatha Brewer 12-23-1883 11-11-1918 1st w/o G.L. Roberson Sr.  
 d/o Martisa Thrift  
 & Cave Jonathan Brewer

15.	Foust, Maude Hunter d/o Laura Dickey & Clarence Hunter	1-15-1891	6-21-1962	(h) John DeWitt Foust
16.	Foust, John DeWitt s/o Sarah Catherine Roberson & John Arrington Foust	7-19-1883	4-16-1957	(w) Maude Hunter
17.	Foust, Harlan Hunter s/o Maude Hunter & John DeWitt Foust	5-4-1912	9-18-1918	
18.	Foust, Bettie Jean d/o Leola Vickers & Eugene Foust	3-17-1930	6-22-1930	
19.	Foust, Margaret Ann "Bettie" Bivins d/o Mary Eliz. "Bettie" Payne & David A. Bivins	5-29-1876	8-4-1952	(h) Geo. Amick Foust
20.	Foust, George Amick s/o Anna Dark & George Foust	4-16-1875	9-13-1923	(w) Margaret Ann Bivins
21.	Holt, Sallie Sophie Bivins McP. d/o Mary Eliz. "Bettie" Payne & David A. Bivins	9-29-1887	10-4-1972	m.1 Claude McPherson m.2 John W. Holt
22.	McPherson, Claude A. s/o Mary A. Russell & Wm. Arlendo McPherson	1-19-1883	3-2-1919	(w) Sally Bivins
23.	McPherson, William David s/o Sallie Bivins & Claud A. McPherson 49 Station Hospital, U.S. Army, WW II, Pfc.	10-8-1910	3-11-1961	
24.	Foust, Hal Dean s/o Bonnie McPherson & Wilson Foust	5-31-1937	12-18-1937	
25.*	Herron, Martha Sharpe d/o Ellen Moser & Boston Sharpe	7-27-1889	3-7-1920	1st w/o Broadie Herron
* Rocks in curbing hand-chiseled by husband, Broadie Herron, a rock mason for Duke Univ.				
26.	Herron, Broadie H. s/o Dinah Allen & Levi Herron	8-6-1890	7-23-1956	(w) m.1 Martha Sharpe m.2 Sexie Walters
27.	Herron, Sexie Walters d/o Alice Moody & Thomas Walters	5-2-1901	7-6-1962	2nd w/o Broadie Herron
28.	Davis, Charles Lonnie s/o Lillian _____ & Louis Davis	7-27-1917	1919	

Row 9

## Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery - Old Section

Row 9

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| 29. | Herring, Mary Jane<br>d/o Rachel Kimball<br>& James Thomas Herring                 |            | 1930      |                                 |
| 30. | Herring, Sally J.<br>d/o Rachel Kimball<br>& James Thomas Herring                  |            | 1927      |                                 |
| 31. | Herring, Wade Edison<br>s/o Rachel Kimball<br>& James Thomas Herring               | 8-24-1925  | 4-18-1926 |                                 |
| 32. | Herring, George W.<br>s/o Rachel Kimball<br>& James Thomas Herring                 |            | 1924      |                                 |
| 33. | Herring, Eden J.<br>c/o Rachel Kimball<br>& James Thomas Herring                   |            | 1923      |                                 |
| 34. | Herring, Robert L.<br>s/o Rachel Kimball<br>& James Thomas Herring                 |            | 1920      |                                 |
| 35. | McVey, Eliza Ann<br>d/o Mary Polly Ringstaff<br>& William McVey                    | 5-29-1853  | 4-22-1946 |                                 |
| 36. | Ringstaff, Rebecca Foushee<br>d/o Maria Dowd (?)<br>& Charles F. Foushee / Forshee | 1840       | 3-28-1922 | (h) J. Christopher<br>Ringstaff |
| 37. | Walters, Eleanor Lorene<br>d/o Lola Herring<br>& Richard D. Walters                | 11-19-1929 | 2-12-1937 |                                 |
| 38. | Walters, Tommie Delton<br>s/o Lola Herring<br>& Richard D. Walters                 | 8-4-1920   | 5-15-1940 |                                 |
| 39. | Walters, Lola Herring<br>d/o Angeline McVey<br>& John Gurney Herron                | 10-1-1893  | 7-11-1982 | (h) Richard D. Walters          |
| 40. | Walters, Richard D.<br>s/o<br>&  | 5-13-1885  | 5-22-1967 | (w) Lola Herring                |





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| 1.  | McPherson, Lake Roberson<br>d/o _____<br>& _____   |            |           | (h) Bobby McPherson   |
| 2.  | McPherson, Bobby<br>s/o Etta Cheek<br>& Robert Lee McPherson   |            |           | (w) Lake Roberson   |
| 3.  | McPherson, David Lee<br>s/o Lake Roberson<br>& Bobby McPherson   | 11-6-1951  | 8-23-1963 |   |
| 4.  | McPherson, Robert Lee<br>s/o Nancy Clark, 2nd w/o<br>& James Marcellus "Jim" McPherson                         | 10-14-1887 | 3-17-1963 | (w) Etta Cheek  |
| 5.  | McPherson, Ada Miretta "Etta"<br>d/o Victoria Rich<br>& Merriman Luther Cheek                                  | 8-17-1893  | 5-20-1985 | (h) Robt. Lee McPherson   |
| 6.  | McPherson, Coy Lee<br>s/o Etta Cheek<br>& Robert Lee McPherson   | 8-6-1915   | 8-14-1917 |   |
| 7.  | McPherson, Raymond V.<br>s/o Etta Cheek<br>& Robert Lee McPherson<br>Pvt., 330 Inf., 83rd Inf. Div., U.S. Army | 3-9-1922   | 7-4-1944  | Killed World War II<br>(a U.S. flag always flies over this grave) |
| 8.  | Dennis, Annie Ruth Lambe<br>d/o Annie Jane Fogleman<br>& Uriah F. Lambe  | 3-15-1913  | 1-3-1976  | (h) Wm. Lawrence Dennis   |
| 9.  | Burgess, Lucille Lambe<br>d/o Annie Jane Fogleman<br>& Uriah F. Lambe  | 4-15-1916  | 8-13-1968 | (h) Louis A. Burgess  |
| 10. | Lambe, Mary Gladys<br>d/o Annie Jane Fogleman<br>& Uriah F. Lambe  | 6-22-1911  | 10-8-1914 |   |
| 11. | Lambe, Annie Jane Fogleman<br>d/o Martha Luanner Pike<br>& Young Riley Fogleman                                | 1872       | 1939      | (h) Uriah F. Lambe  |
| 12. | Lambe, Uriah Franklin<br>s/o Susan Pike<br>& Wm. Anderson Lambe  | 1875       | 1946      | (w) Annie Jane Fogleman   |
| 13. | Godfrey, Malcolm Ashley<br>s/o Mary Kimball<br>& _____   | 1-9-1854   | 7-19-1925 | (w) Jincey Love<br>(on tombstone)<br>("7-26-1922" correct)        |
| 14. | Godfrey, Jincey Love<br>d/o _____<br>& Henderson Love  | 1-1-1848   | 5-29-1922 | (h) Malcolm A. Godfrey  |



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Reference:

Marcia Foust records  
show burial of

"infant son of James & Peggy Shaw"

(birth/death date not shown)

32. Shaw, Margaret 1842 1-12-1922 (h) James Shaw  
"Peggy" Albright  
d/o Eleanor Stockard  
& William Albright

33. Herron, Maria 1925 (h) Sampson Herron Sr.  
d/o Maria Maier (Germany)  
& Phillip Siebert

34. Herron, Sampson Ray, Sr. 12-13-1928 (w) Maria Siebert  
s/o Sexie Walters, 2nd w/o  
& Broadie Herron

35. Herron, Walter Harvey (Twin) 3-26-1953 6-14-1963 Drowned in Indiana  
s/o Maria Siebert  
& Sampson Herron

36. Herron, Sampson Ray, Jr. 12-3-1955 5-11-1980 Drowned in Rock Quarry  
s/o Maria Siebert Ramseur, N.C.  
& Sampson Ray Herron, Sr.

37. \_\_\_\_\_ Herron plot \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. #10 (possibly) William Shaw, Jr. ca. 1807 ca. 1850s crippled by stroke  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_ (w) Mary "Polly" Thompson  
& William Shaw (d/o Robt. of Thomas Thompson)

19. #11 (possibly) William Shaw, Sr. ca. 1770 Oct. 1850 born in Ireland  
Parents unknown died Alamance Co., N.C.  
First Trustee - Bethel Methodist Church 1836

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25. Braxton, R. Gurney 9-25-1863 3-27-1892 Never married  
s/o Mary McPherson  
& Jonathan Braxton

Tombstone inscription:  
"Hark a voice divides the sky  
Happy are the faithful dead;  
In the Lord who sweetly die  
They from all their toils are freed."



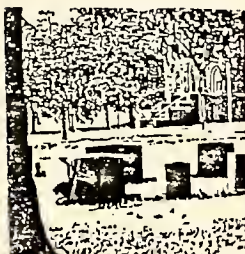
Row 11

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Row 11

26. Braxton, Mary McPherson 4-15-1838 4-12-1892 (h) Jonathan Braxton  
 d/o Phebe Johnson  
 & Micajah McPheron (who survived "death hanging" on his farm by Southern "hunters"  
 "Cajer" for refusing to give information towards conscription of son  
 Thomas, during Civil War conflict.)  
 Inscription on Mary McPherson Braxton's tombstone: "The Lord is risen indeed;  
 The grave hath lost its prey. With him shall rise the ransomed seek to reign  
 in endless day."
27. Braxton, Jonathan 10-2-1834 4-11-1900 (w) Mary McPherson  
 s/o Rachel Whitehead (of John)  
 & Hiram Braxton "Farewell, dear Father, Sweet thy rest."
28. Roberson, Minter G. 1-10-1852 6-4-1882 (w) Julia Bet Clendenin  
 s/o Annie Hornaday m.2 Geo. W. Stockard  
 & Thomas A. Roberson Tombstone: "He has gone to the mansion of rest"
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31. Roberson, Ida ? Isabelle Corrina  
 d/o Joella Shaw  
 & Julius Merriott Roberson
32. Shaw, James 1838 "before 1874" (w) Margaret  
 s/o Mary "Polly" Thompson "Peggy" Albright  
 & William Shaw  
 Co. B, 1st NC Inf. Regiment, CSA
33. Lutterloh, Eliza E. May 3-24-1864 3-15-1897 (h) Louis Lutterloh  
 d/o Elizabeth Roberson  
 & Isaiah May
34. (possibly) May, Elizabeth Roberson 1829 1872 (h) Isaiah May  
 d/o Mary Catherine Thompson  
 & James Roberson
35. (possibly) May, Isaiah "Zar" ca. 1820s "after 1878" (w) Elizabeth Roberson  
 s/o Catherine Efland  
 & Ludwig "Lud" May
36. Bivins, Ralph M. 5-26-1894 6-5-1904 Drowned  
 s/o Ellen Braxton  
 & Daniel Bivins
37. Bivins, Carrie A. 1885 7-16-1889  
 c/o Ellen Braxton  
 & Daniel Bivins
38. Bivins, Stephen 11-11-1818 2-3-1889 (w) Sarah E. "Sallie"  
 s/o Mary McPherson Andrews  
 & Thomas Bivins, Sr.  
 Pvt., Co. B, 1st NC Inf. Regt., CSA (family records: 7th NC Senior Reserves)

39. Bivins, Sarah E. 1-28-1825 1-24-1907 (h) Stephen Bivins  
"Sallie" Andrews  
d/o  
& David Andrews
40. Bivins, Allene b/d May 5, 1911 (Twin w/ Pauline Bivins)  
d/o Nettie Ada McPherson Died May 12, 1911  
& John Henry Bivins
41. Payne, Sterling 8-29-1896 2-27-1898 (Parents buried  
s/o Harriet J. Roberson Cedar Cliff Cemetery)  
& Michael Payne
42. Bivins, Pauline 5-5-1911 5-12-1911 (Twin w/ Allene Bivins)  
d/o Nettie Ada McPherson Died May 5, 1911  
& John H. Bivins
43. Bivins, Ralph 11-28-1921 3-2-1922  
s/o Nettie Ada McPherson  
& John H. Bivins
44. Bivins, John Henry 11-12-1883 5-17-1942 (w) Nettie Ada  
s/o Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Payne McPherson  
& David A. Bivins
45. Bivins, Nettie Ada McPherson 9-9-1887 8-23-1968 (h) John Henry Bivins  
d/o Rebecca Ray  
& Franklin McPherson
46. Bivins, Claude A. 7-29-1919 4-25-1968  
s/o Nettie Ada McPherson  
& John Henry Bivins



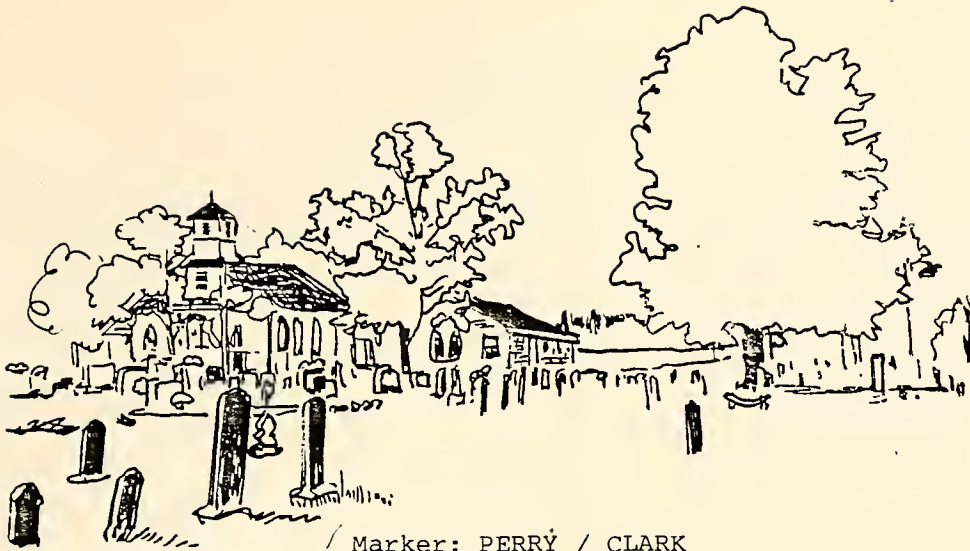
#### LONG MAY IT WAVE

From the "Flander's Field" of World War II, there has been returned to Bethel one of its young men who was cut down by enemy fire on Omaha Beach following the Normandy beachhead invasion of France.

Pvt. Raymond Victor McPherson, 330th Infantry, 83rd Infantry Division, U.S. Army was killed on July 4th, 1944. Four years and four days later his body was escorted "back to Bethel" and given a military funeral.

From that day forward, an American flag has always flown over his grave in Bethel Row 10, # 7.

Raymond's sister, Mae McPherson, has made possible the publication of this Memorial Edition of Bethel's cemetery history. Their parents are Robert Lee and Etta Cheek McPherson (Bethel Row 10, # 4 5).



/ Marker: PERRY / CLARK

MAGNOLIA TREE - Tradition tells it was planted by Abner Perry

BENCH.....Memorial for Robert "Bob" Saunders by "Mimi" Whittemore Saunders and family

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3.	Braxton, John H., Sr. s/o Rachel Whitehead (of John) & Hiram Braxton	9-19-1831	7-25-1895	"Consort of N.C. Braxton" (w) m.1 Nancy C. Pugh m.2 Sarah C. Pugh Emerson
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On tombstone: "Our father has gone to a mansion of rest;  
To the glorious land by the Diety blest."

4.	Braxton, Nancy Caroline Pugh d/o Nancy Hawkins & John S. Pugh	5-31-1831	9-21-1885	1st w/o John H. Braxton
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5.	Braxton, William J. s/o Lula Moore & John H. Braxton, Jr.	August 4 - 9, 1889		
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6.	Braxton, Claude s/o Lula Moore & John H. Braxton, Jr.	June 18 - 25, 1890	Twin w/ Lacy Braxton	
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7.	Braxton, Lacy s/o Lula Moore & John H. Braxton, Jr.	June 18 - 30, 1890	Twin w/ Claude Braxton	
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8.	Braxton, infant c/o Lula Moore & John H. Braxton, Jr.	September 9, 1893		
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9.	Braxton, Charlie C. s/o Lula Moore & John H. Braxton, Jr.	1902	1903	
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NOTE: This older part of original  
 cemetery has variance in "line"  
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3. Spoon, Marie F. 7-20-1937 12-18-1984 (h) Clyde B. Spoon, Jr.  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Spoon, Clyde B., Jr. 12-14-1934 (w) Marie F.  
 s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Clark, Annie Perry 11-3-1872 2-2-1949 (h) A.J. "Donnie" Clark  
 d/o Mary Ann "Polly" Perry  
 & Joshua N. Perry

6. Perry, Manie Thompson 7-19-1876 11-26-1955 (h) J. Abner Perry  
 d/o Rachel Wright, 1st w/o  
 & William H. Thompson

7. Perry, John Abner 7-12-1870 10-2-1957 (w) Manie Thompson  
 s/o Mary Ann "Polly" Perry  
 & Joshua N. Perry

8. Perry, Joshua Newton 11-1-1839 7-5-1885 (w) Mary A. "Polly"  
 s/o Elizabeth Johnson, 2nd w/o Perry; she mar. 2nd  
 & Turner Perry (m.l Polly Rogers) Levander Holt

9. Perry, Sarah Isabelle 4-13-1867 7-28-1885  
 d/o Mary Ann "Polly" Perry  
 & Joshua N. Perry

Variance in grave line

Offset - graves start below magnolia tree)

- 1. Patterson, Gaston August 7, 1902  
s/o Julia Noah  
& William A. Patterson
- 2. Patterson, Elizabeth S. 7-22-1871 5-3-1881  
d/o Sarah Maria Turner, 3rd w/o  
& George Patterson
- 3. Patterson, Sarah Maria Turner 6-18-1832 4-16-1910 3rd w/o Geo. Patterson  
d/o  
& James Turner
- 4. Patterson, George ca. 1817 2-23-1904 m.1 Mary Braxton  
s/o Sallie Johnson m.2 Delilah Lewis  
& James Patterson m.3 Sarah Maria Turner  
Pvt., Co. A, 5th N.C. Regiment, CSA
- 5. Workman, David D. 6-21-1880 3-8-1900  
s/o Elizabeth Turner  
& Durant Hatch Workman
- 6. Workman, Nancy Naomi 8-5-1889 2-22-1890  
d/o Elizabeth Turner  
& Durant Hatch Workman
- 7. Workman, Durant Hatch 3-4-1857 2-11-1896 (w) Elizabeth Turner  
s/o Luzada May "b. Clover Orchard" typhoid  
& Calvin Workman
- 8. Workman, Lalie E. 11-23-1883 7-7-1896  
d/o Elizabeth Turner typhoid  
& Durant Hatch Workman
- 9. #114 \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. #49 \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Research / reference)  
William Stout b.1779 d.1842  
Ann Moon Stout b.1782 d."after 1850"  
dau. Rachel b.ca.1828  
may or may not  
be buried at Bethel

18. #50 \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. #51 \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. Holt, Benjamin Pleasant 3-14-1844 2-20-1847 "2ys 11mo 6ds"  
s/o Catherine Trollinger Oldest tombstone with inscription at Bethel.  
& Rev. John R. Holt

21. #52 \_\_\_\_\_ (infant size grave)  
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22. Thompson, Sallie Roberson 1831 1857 1st w/o Sabert W.  
d/o Mary Catherine Thompson Thompson  
& James B. Roberson ("3-25-1852 4-2-1877" are dates on tombstone)

23. #53 \_\_\_\_\_  
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24. #54 \_\_\_\_\_  
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#25 #55 \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. Roberson, David Mallie 7-12-1857 1-13-1881 Never married  
s/o Eleanor N. Coble  
& Nathaniel Roberson

27. #56 Will Pike 7-12-1857 1-13-1885  
s/o Emily Stafford, 2nd w/o  
& Rev. Will Pike

28. Bivins, Margaret Ann Roberson 5-11-1850 8-17-1872 1st w/o David A. Bivins  
d/o "Ellie" N. Coble  
& Nathaniel Roberson

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30. Roberson, Nathaniel "Nattie" 1-2-1825 9-30-1904 (w) Eleanor "Nellie"  
s/o Sarah Bailey Coble  
& Merrett Roberson Co. G, 33th NC Inf. Regiment, CSA

31. Roberson, Eleanor "Nellie" Coble 11-12-1825 4-17-1911 (h) Nathaniel "Nattie"  
d/o Nancy Albright Roberson  
& David Coble

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1.	Spoon, Howard Clyde s/o _____ & _____	1904	1956	(w) Annie Myrtle
2.	Lloyd, Allene Spoon d/o Nannie Willard Clyde B. Spoon, Sr.	1929	1949	(h) Jack Lloyd
3.	Spoon, Annie Myrtle Willard d/o Celia Stacy Creed & Jerry Nathaniel Willard	5-23-1909	1-24-1948	(h) Howard Clyde Spoon
4.	Spoon, Donald Dexter s/o Annie Myrtle Willard & Clyde Spoon	1940	7-16-1945	5 yrs 10 ds; influenza
5.	Spoon, Richard s/o Annie Myrtle Willard & Clyde Spoon	9-2-1938	9-3-1938	
6.	Anderson, Anthony T. s/o Coleene Spoon & R. J. Anderson	1962	1962	
7.	Foust, Dolar d/o Ella McPherson & Peter "Doc" Foust	3-24-1893	5-15-1895	
8.	#77 _____ _____ _____			
9.	Forshee, Sarah Marshall d/o _____ & _____	10-5-1871	2-23-1884	? 1891
10.	#76 Forshee, Hannah Workman d/o Elizabeth Crutchfield & Jesse Workman	1839		(h) Benjamin Forshee
11.	Forshee, Benjamin s/o Mariah Dowd & Charles F. Forshee	2-19-1827	4-22-1884	(w) Hannah Workman
12.	#75 _____ _____ _____			
13.	#74 _____ _____ _____			
14.	#73 _____ _____ _____			

Reference notes:

John Green, Jr.  
born "Old Va. ca. 1790" marriage  
bond 13 July 1811, Orange Co. N.C.  
& Rebecca Murray, born  
"near the Yadkin River, N.C."  
(died aged 91 years)  
Rebecca dau. of John Murray  
born Dublin, Ireland



15. #72 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- NOTE: The following seven listings (16-22 are as handed down in cemetery records, and per tombstone markings. -- Further information requested --
16. Green, Elizabeth 3-16-1804 8-1-1886 (h)  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_
17. Bradshaw, Camma Green 6-27-1824 6-30-1900 (h) 2nd w/o Joseph C. Bradshaw  
 d/o Elizabeth Green  
 & \_\_\_\_\_
18. Bradshaw, Joseph C 5-29-1824 9-15-1883 (w) m.1 Julia E. Green  
 s/o Sally Sykes m.2 Camma Green  
 & Thomas Bradshaw (s/o Wm.)  
 Pvt., Co. E, 13th NC Regiment, CSA
19. Bradshaw, Clenton 6-10-1878  
 s/o Camma Green  
 & Joseph C. Bradshaw
20. Bradshaw, Thomas B. 2-4-1862 11-4-1869  
 s/o Julia Green  
 & Joseph C. Bradshaw
21. Bradshaw, Julia E. Green 12-31-1832 2-11-1862 (h) 1st w/o Joseph C.  
 d/o Elizabeth  
 & \_\_\_\_\_ Green
22. Bradshaw, Verjennia A. 2-8-1860 7-9-1861  
 d/o Julia E. Green  
 & Joseph C. Bradshaw
23. Lindsay, Mary Ann Foushee (h) Algernon Lindsay  
 d/o Flava Holt (per Marcia Foust records)  
 & E. Benjamin Forshee/Foushee "
24. Lindsay, Algernon "Arnold" 1833 11-25-1862 (w) Mary Ann Forshee  
 s/o Sarah Coggins (per Marcia Foust records)  
 & Stephen Lindsay " " "  
 Pvt., Co. E, 1st NC Regiment, CSA
25. #69 \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. #68 \_\_\_\_\_  
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27. Lindsay, Sarah "Sallie" Snipes (?) 1798 "after 1850" (h) Stephen Lindsay  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_
28. #66 Lindsay, Stephen 1799 "after 1850" (w) Sarah "Sallie"  
 s/o \_\_\_\_\_ Snipes  
 & \_\_\_\_\_

29. #65 Petty, Martha Lindsay (h) Henry Petty

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30. #64 \_\_\_\_\_

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31. #63 \_\_\_\_\_

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32. #62 \_\_\_\_\_

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33. #61 \_\_\_\_\_

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34. Roberson, Anna E. 1861 6-20-1862 1 yr 6 mos 9 days  
d/o Sarah Thompson, 2nd w/o  
& Thomas A. Roberson

35. #59 \_\_\_\_\_

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36. #58 \_\_\_\_\_

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37. #57 \_\_\_\_\_

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38. Foust, Clyde Fentriss 1904 1920  
s/o Inez Wood  
& John Manly Foust



Notes from Pat Bailey's scrapbook: "Uncle Dewey" Thompson remembers Bethel

Old Church - Old Community

"Bethel is an old community. You might say it was practically like it is now. They've improved. Some of that old church is the old church. They just remodeled it. As far as anything, they've improved it."

- 1. Willard, Roy Dexter 1-24-1919 12-16-1971 (w) Opal Caldwell  
s/o Celia Creed "in California"  
& Jerry Willard
- 2. Herron infant 2-10-1938 2-11-1938  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Herron, Gay Shoe 1896 1981 (h) Wm. H. Herron  
d/o Lula Angeline  
& Sid Shoe
- 4. Herron, William Henderson 12-15-1886 8-22-1936 (h) Gay Shoe  
s/o Angeline McVey "hit by auto"  
& John Gurney Herron
- 5. McVey, Anderson C. 4-10-1824 12-6-1906 (w) Caroline Marshall  
s/o Sallie ? Rebecca Freeman  
& Daniel Hatch McVey  
Pvt., Co. A, 73rd NC Regiment, CSA
- 6. McVey, Caroline Marshall 3-2-1840 11-2-1904 (h) Anderson McVey  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& Francis ? Frank Marshall
- 7. #81 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Where buried?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Ringstaff; enlisted "Clover Orchard"  
\_\_\_\_\_ "Died in Civil War"
- 8. #82 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Correspondance from Cherryville, Kansas  
\_\_\_\_\_ tells that "William Ringstaff, parents dead,  
\_\_\_\_\_ left southern Alamance Co. 1869, joined a  
\_\_\_\_\_ wagon train going to Indiana; met & married  
\_\_\_\_\_ widow with a small son; mar. in Indiana; went  
\_\_\_\_\_ to Arkansas and settled in Kansas. Their  
\_\_\_\_\_ descendants ask information about Cane  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mountain relatives.)
- 9. #83 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 10. Cooper, Jessie E. 1881 8-21-1900 Never married  
d/o Sarah Marie Ray (Tombstone inscription: "The song she sang on her  
& Alson Gray Cooper dying bed: When I can read my titles clear to the  
mansions in the sky.")
- 11. Cooper, Nettie 1883 1948 Never married  
d/o Sarah Marie Ray (On back of marker, ground level, barely legible)  
& Alson Gray Cooper " Stop blooming youth as you pass by, As you are now so  
once was I. As I am now so you must be, Prepare for death and follow me."
- 12. Cooper, Sarah E. 6-5-1856 3-26-1894 Never married  
d/o Eliza Ringstaff "Dearest sister: Thou art gone to a land of rest."  
& Richard Cooper
- 13. Cooper, Eliza Ringstaff ca. 1822 7-26-1891 (h) Richard Cooper  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
& Thomas Ringstaff
- 14. Cooper, Richard ca. 1814 10-15-1885 (w) Eliza Ringstaff  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_ ? Campbell  
& William Marcus Cooper

- 15. Cooper, Joseph R. 6-26-1885 8-22-1901 "16 yrs 1 mo 24 ds"  
s/o Julia S. Bradshaw  
& Thomas S. Cooper
- 16. #84 \_\_\_\_\_grave marked with natural stone, badly cracked  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Was there someone named "John Fowler"?)
- 17. McVey, Minnie R. Fowler 7-1-1870 7-3-1899 (h) 1st w/o Thomas F.  
d/o Tamer Teague McVey  
& George Fowler
- 18. McVey, DeWitt 2-10-1892 6-20-1892 per old cemetery listing  
d/o Minnie Fowler  
& Thomas F. McVey
- 19. McVey, Eula Mae 11-13-1894 7-6-1895  
d/o Minnie Fowler, 1st w/o  
& Thomas F. McVey
- 20. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 21. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ granite base / marker broken level with the ground  
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- 23. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 24. McPherson, John Will 1843 9-27-1863 In CSA service;  
s/o Deborah Newlin, 1st w/o died Goldsboro, N.C.  
& Oliver McPherson  
Pvt., 2nd Co. G, 40th NC Regiment, CSA
- 25. McPherson, Sarah Thomas 7-8-1788 4-7-1854 (h) William McPherson  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_ Tombstone has logo: "Lauder, Fayetteville"
- 26.\* McPherson, William 8-1-1787 5-2-1871 (w) Sarah Thomas  
s/o Hannah \_\_\_\_\_  
& John McPherson

Reference:

CSA Memorial

Cooper, George William, Pvt.  
b.1840 died 7-1-1863  
- Gettysburg, Pa. -

Co. B, 52nd NC Regiment, CSA

Tombstone inscription:

"He was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church  
and was beloved and respected by all who knew him."

\* William's father John, was a grandson of Daniel McPherson, born ca. 1862 near Inverness, Scotland, who was kidnapped around age 14 while tending sheep on his father's farm. Daniel was brought to Delaware, sold as an indentured servant; earned his freedom; bought land in Chester Co., Pa. After his wife died he moved to Lancaster, Pa. where his Will, probated 1755, divided his estate between their six children. Son William came to NC, first to Cross Creek (Fayetteville) and 1764 to southern Orange Co., where land grant to Wm. "McFerson" was for acreage near the Webb Lindley section. Married twice, he was patriarch of area McPhersons.







Row 16

Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery - Old Section

Row 16

- 1. Michael, Marlene Mabry Gilbert                      1932                      1980    m.1 James Edward Gilbert  
d/o Martha Goodwin                      "Kentucky"                      m.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Michael  
& James E. Mabry (?)
- 2. Gilbert, James Edward                      8-4-1930                      3-27-1968    (w) Marlene Mabry  
"Chubby Herron"  
s/o Josephine Willard  
NC, SFC. HQ & HQ CO. 12 SPT BDE
- 3. Herron, Josephine Willard                      4-17-1911                      (h) John Dace Herron  
d/o Celia Creed  
& Jerry Willard
- 4. Herron, John Dace                      1-29-1912                      9-6-1964    (w) Josephine Willard  
s/o Rosa Kimball  
& "Arnie / Ornie" Herron
- 5. Herron, Arnold Lee                      5-29-1937                      5-30-1937
- 6. Herron, Rosa Kimball                      1886                      1962    (h) Arnold Herron  
d/o Phoebe Jane Boggs  
& John Kimball
- 7. Herron, Arnold R. "Ornie"                      2-28-1873                      12-30-1960    (w) Rosa Kimball  
s/o Mary Hill, 2nd w/o  
& Henderson "Hense" Herron
- 8. Herron, Coy K. (?Kimball)                      11-30-1922                      6-14-1936    Age 13; auto accident  
s/o Rosa Kimball  
& Arnold "Ornie" Herron
- 9. Foust, Angeline Elizabeth Snipes                      12-8-1832                      2-10-1908    (h) John Foust, Jr.  
d/o Martha "Patsy" Neville  
& Manly Snipes
- 10. Foust, John, Jr.                      1-16-1828                      1-31-1907    (w) Angeline E. Snipes  
d/o Susannah "Susan" Hornaday  
& John Foust, Sr.  
Cpl., Co. F, 6th NC Inf. Regiment, CSA
- 11. #105 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 12. #104 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 13. #103 possibly: Marcus Davis, 1st h/o Jane McVey  
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- 14. #102 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 14a. #101 possibly: McVey, Mary "Polly" Ringstaff                      (h) William "Bill" McVey  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_                      1826  
& \_\_\_\_\_

15. #100 possibly McVey, William "Bill" 1817 (h) Mary "Polly"  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_ Ringstaff  
& \_\_\_\_\_
16. Thompson, Jane McVey Davis (h) m.1 Mark Davis  
d/o Mary "Polly" Ringstaff m.2 Gaston Thompson  
& William "Bill" McVey
17. Ringstaff, J. Christopher 1836 1893 (w) Rebecca Foushee  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& Thomas Ringstaff  
Pvt., Co. E, 13th Battalion NC Lt. Artillery, CSA
18. Shaw, Cornelia Ellen Albright 1-25-1843 11-27-1932 (h) 2nd w/o Robert Shaw  
d/o Barbara Kivett Holt  
& George Albright
19. Shaw, Robert "Bob" 12-4-1827 10-18-1901 (w) m.1 Eliz. Albright  
s/o Mary "Polly" Thompson m.2 Cornelia Albright  
& William Shaw (of Wm. of Ireland)  
Pvt., Co.B, 1st NC Regiment, CSA
20. Lowe, Ruth Hornaday 2-2-1803 3-7-1875 (h) Weston Lowe  
d/o Esther \_\_\_\_\_  
& Simon Hornaday
21. Lowe, Weston 12-12-1801 7-25-1845 (w) Ruth Hornaday  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_ (Orange Co., NC Marriage bond: 27 Oct. 1830)  
& \_\_\_\_\_
22. #96 (possibly Anderson Lowe) (per Marcia Foust records)  
s/o Ruth Hornaday  
& Weston Lowe
23. #95 (possibly James Washington Lowe) (per Marcia Foust records)  
s/o Ruth Hornaday  
& Weston Lowe
24. #94 (possibly Rebecca Jane Lowe) (per Marcia Foust records)  
s/o Ruth Hornaday  
& Weston Lowe
25. #93 (possibly) Hornaday, Simon 9-15-1765 "after 1850" (w) Esther \_\_\_\_\_  
s/o Christian \_\_\_\_\_  
& John Hornaday (Simon, a brother of Lewis Hornaday)
26. Lowe, "Miss Milie" Mila 11-1-1845 11-4-1927  
d/o Ruth Hornaday  
& Weston Lowe
27. Foust, Jemima Lowe 10-1-1831 1-11-1900 (h) 2nd w/o Daniel Foust  
d/o Ruth Hornaday  
& Weston Lowe "Her life was beauty, truth, goodness and love."

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28. Foust, Daniel 3-11-1801 2-25-1875 (w) m.1 Eleanor Thompson  
s/o Mary Snotherly m.2 Jemima Lowe  
& Peter Foust Inscription: "He died as he lived, a Christian."
29. Foust, Eleanor "Nellie" Thompson 8-12-1807 6-11-1865 (h) 1st w/o Daniel Foust  
d/o Eleanor Holmes (sister of John)  
& Joseph Thompson Tombstone inscription not legible.
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31. Stafford, Mary Catherine Roberson 4-30-1847 9-16-1921 (h) Thomas Stafford  
d/o Eleanor N. Coble  
& Nathaniel Roberson Tombstone inscription: "Married Jan. 2, 1870"  
"Dearest Mother - thou hast left us and thy loss we dearly feel,  
But however we hope to meet thee where no farewell tears are shed."
32. Foust, Susannah Hornaday 2-2-1795 12-3-1873 (h) John Foust, Sr.  
d/o Rebecca Pike, 1st w/o  
& Lewis Hornaday "It was her work on earth to sooth the sigh  
(m.2 Dinah Biddick of Ireland) and feed the hungry...(stone cracked/sunken)
33. Foust, John, Sr. 9-27-1789 7-17-1860 (w) "Susan" Hornaday  
s/o Mary Snotherly  
& Peter Foust "Peaceful was his life, and peaceful was his death."  
Tombstone has logo: "Lauder, Fayetteville"
34. Foust, William 11-23-1823 6-28-1882 (w) Sarah Catherine  
s/o Susannah "Susan" Hornaday Albright  
& John Foust, Sr. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."  
Pvt., Co. F, 6th NC Inf. Regiment, CSA
35. Foust, Sarah Catherine Albright 8-14-1824 4-16-1915 (h) William Foust  
d/o Eleanor "Nellie" Stockard  
& William Albright "A tender Mother, a faithful wife."
36. Foust, Loretta S. 2-1-1874 4-14-1876  
d/o Sarah Catherine Roberson  
& John Arrington Foust "Quickly as the bud is blighted  
Went the glory from off her brow;  
And the song of little Lola  
Is, "I am an angel now."
37. Foust, John Arrington 12-13-1847 9-1-1918 (w) Sarah Catherine  
s/o Sarah Catherine Albright Roberson  
& William Foust Inscription: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."
38. Foust, Sarah Catherine Roberson 4-27-1853 4-26-1931 (h) John Arrington Foust  
d/o Elizabeth Lloyd  
& William Roberson
39. Thompson, Flora G. S. 10-12-1863 5-12-1906 (h) 1st w/o Alson Gray  
d/o Luzena Blair Thompson  
& Sabert W. Thompson Inscription: "Gone but not forgotten."

40.	Thompson, Talmage Vaughn s/o Minnie Hargrove, 2nd w/o & Alson Gray Thompson	1908	1911	
41.	Foust, Lizabel d/o Sarah Catherine Roberson & John Arrington Foust	11-3-1887	5-4-1982	Never married School Teacher
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MYSTERY SCRUBBINGS REVEAL HIDDEN MESSAGES

"BACK TO BETHEL" was delayed in publication by an unexpected event that would appear to be fiction....but is indeed fact!

Several tombstones in the older section of Bethel cemetery were found to have hidden messages after a "mystery scrubber" gave them a thorough cleaning.

The person, or persons, who did the cleaning is unknown.

Almost daily in the two preceeding weeks, while workers were on the church grounds doing maintenance, carpentry and other chores, no one was reported seen in the vicinity of the scrubbed tombstones.

With the removal of decades of discoloration, there were found inscriptions not known to be present. The build-up of moss or fungi had, in some instances, almost completely obliterated the small lettering.

The new found wording ranged from a marriage date, to logos, to poetry.

On one marker, four lines of inscription were found on the reverse side of the tombstone at just above ground level.

Perhaps the mystery scrubber had knowledge of these messages.



(Numbering starts down in the line)

- 1. Albright, Carl J. 1889 10-4-1890  
s/o Annie Holt  
& J. Samuel "Sam" Albright
- 2. Herron, Clyde Irvin November-December 1907  
s/o Rosa Kimball  
& Arnold R. Herron
- 3. Herron, Lula Jane March - June 1909  
d/o Rosa Kimball  
& Arnold R. Herron
- 4. Herron, Mary Hill 1847 1920 (h) 2nd w/o Henderson  
"Parents unknown" "Hense" Herron  
(per Alamance Co. marriage license)
- 5. Herron, Henderson "Hense" 1825 12-30-1911 (w) m.1 Ruth Stuart  
Parents unknown (buried Cane Creek)  
"Doorstep baby" raised by John Foust, Sr. m.2 Mary Hill  
Pvt., Co. E, 13th NC Regiment, CSA Inscription: "I am going home."
- 6. Neese, Rosa E. 10-20-1888 8-16-1903  
d/o Jane Albright  
& John William Neese "Prepare to meet me in Heaven"
- 7. Neese, John William 1852 1894 (w) Jane Albright  
s/o Margaret Fox Noah  
& Dr. Wiley D. Neese
- 8. Neese, Martha Jane Albright 1855 3-16-1922 (h) John William Neese  
d/o Mary "Polly" Wright  
& John S. Albright
- 9. Snipes, Elizabeth "Betsy Jane" Wright 8-2-1853 4-18-1897 (h) Alfred Mark Snipes  
d/o Mary Stafford (m.1 Levin) Albright  
& William Wright
- 10. Snipes, Alfred Mark 1-25-1847 6-16-1885 (w) Elizabeth Wright  
s/o Martha "Betsy Jane"  
& Dancy/Dempsy Snipes
- 11. Johnson, John Snipes March - June 1897  
s/o Effie Snipes 3-28-1897 6-17-1897  
& C. T. "Charlie" Johnson
- 12. Shaw, Elizabeth "Betsy" Albright 1829 1878 (h) 1st w/o Robert Shaw  
d/o Eleanor Stockard, 2nd w/o  
& William Albright
- 13. #108 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 14. #109 \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. #110 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Reference / research  
Wm. Levin Albright, 1st h/o Mary Stafford  
s/o Polly Wood, 1st w/o  
& William Albright

16. #111 \_\_\_\_\_  
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possibly buried Bethel Cemetery  
(his mother buried Mt. Hermon)

17. #112 Workman, William Lucian ? 1876-1877-1878-1879 ?  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_ Twin with Fleda Workman McPherson  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Editor's Note:  
Conflict of  
available information

18. May, Naomi Gray ? Graves (2nd w/o) 1801 11-3-1866 (h) David May ("Died  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_ & buried in Kansas")  
& \_\_\_\_\_

Tombstone: "Married 1829 to David May, Sr."

19.\* Crawford, John  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

ca. 1801 10-21-1874 Never married

Tombstone inscription: "Unveil thy bosom faithful lamb,  
Take this new treasure to thy trust,  
And give these sacred relics room  
To slumber in the silent dust."

\* Marker by front walkway of church  
recognizes John Crawford as donor of  
funds to Bethel to build new church;  
the core of present structure.

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In his Will, dated 19 October 1874:  
"....the balance of my estate....to the  
Methodist Protestant Church at Bethel in  
Alamance Co., N.C. to be used as the trustees  
of said church may deem best."

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23. (possibly) Wright, John  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

"died before 1850" (h) Rachel Thompson  
Orange Co., N.C. Marriage bond: (mar. Bethel)  
"Right, John & Rachel Thompson, 1 Feb. 1826;  
William Paris, bondsman"

24. Wright, Rachel Thompson  
d/o Martha Morrow, 3rd w/o  
& William Thompson

1799 3-16-1863 (h) John Right/Wright

25. Stafford, Thomas  
s/o Mary Hornaday  
& George Stafford  
Pvt., Co. B, 3rd NC Battalion, CSA  
County Surveyor; Justice of the Peace

12-28-1836 5-13-1885 (w) Mary Catherine  
Roberson  
Inscription: "Gone but not forgotten."

Row 17

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Row 17

26. Stafford, Mary Hornaday 1797 6-17-1888 (h) George Stafford III  
d/o Rebecca Pike, 1st w/o  
& Lewis Hornaday (m.2 Dinah Biddick) Tombstone inscription not legible
27. Stafford, George, III 1-18-1794 1-21-1865 (w) Mary Hornaday  
s/o Nancy Huff born Plymouth, NC  
& George Stafford, II "born Pa.; in Gen. Washington's army...Yorktown, Va."  
Tombstone inscription: "He followed peace with all."  
George Stafford, I "...from England to Germany to Pennsylvania..."
28. Stafford, John N. 2-10-1827 10-8-1855  
s/o Mary Hornaday Tombstone has logo: "Lauder, Fayetteville"  
& George Stafford III "Sacred to his memory, by his brothers  
of C.C.F. Division, S. of T."
29. Stafford, William "Miller-1850" 2-3-1824 6-15-1902 (w) m.1 Malinda Albright  
s/o Mary Hornaday m.2 Rebecca Branson  
& George Stafford, III m.3 Susan Reitzel  
"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."
30. Stafford, Rebecca Branson 6-9-1838 3-9-1885 (h) 2nd w/o William  
d/o Elvira Stafford  
& Benjamin Branson Tombstone: "She hath done what she could."
31. Thompson, Carrie E. 11-9-1881 6-25-1883  
d/o Eleanor Foust  
& Robert S. Thompson
32. Thompson, Viola L. "Leola" 11-12-1883 6-10-1885  
d/o Eleanor Foust  
& Robert S. Thompson
33. Thompson, Alonzo 5-16-1893 7-23-1893 Twin of Onslow Thompson  
s/o Eleanor Foust  
& Robert S. Thompson
34. Thompson, Luzena Blair 1829 1899 (h) 2nd wife of  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_ Sabert W. Thompson  
& \_\_\_\_\_ "She's gone to world's above where Saints and Angels meet;  
To realize our Saviour's love, and worship at his feet."
- 35.\* Thompson, Sabert W. 1828 1915 (w) m.1 Sallie Roberson  
s/o Elizabeth "Betsy" Wood m.2 Luzena Blair  
& "Big John" Thompson  
Pvt., Co. G, 44th NC Inf. Regiment, CSA -----

\* Civil War veteran Sabert W. Thompson's sister, Mariah "Polly" Thompson, married (as 2nd w/o) George Stafford IV, paternal grandparents of Astronaut Thomas Stafford.

As accounts of outer space explorations are current events, this contrast of recollections of "Grandpa Sabert's world" is shared by grandson "Uncle Dewey" Thompson, of No. DAKOTA, during a home visit "back to Bethel" in southern Alamance Co.

"I remember listening to my two grandfathers talk about the Civil War," he said. "The biggest holler Dad could remember his Dad hollering about was when the Yankees left and the war was over. On their way back home they came through here and stole horses...or anything that was out in the open. They'd take a wagon, or anything they wanted. They'd take it as they was a'going by."

"I know Dad talked about his Dad, as to how they went out in the woods, way down away from the buildings;...they cut trees and made a log pen, put their horses inside and guarded it day and night. That's how they saved their horses."

- 1. Nicholson, Hubert Wayne, Jr.      5-21-1944      4-29-1987  
s/o Janie Smith Shoe  
& "Bud" Nicholson (dec'd); step-father: W. H. "Jim" Shoe
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3. Shoe, Janie Smith      (h) Wm. Hansel Shoe  
d/o Ruth Ann Lawrence  
& Zeb Vance Smith
- 4. Shoe, William Hansel      (w) Janie Smith  
s/o Lillie Herring  
& William Harland Shoe
- 5. Shoe, Lillie Herring      1896      (h) Wm. Harland Shoe  
d/o Angeline McVey  
& John Gurney Herron
- 6. Shoe, William Harl on      1899      1975      (w) Lillie Herring  
s/o Lula Angeline Herron  
& Sid Shoe
- 7. Shoe, O. Winford      1929      1965      Single  
s/o Lillie Herring  
& William Harland Shoe
- 8. Stafford, Mary Ellen Albright      1832      1911      (h) Nathan Stafford  
d/o Eleanor "Nellie" Stockard, 2nd w/o  
& William Albright
- 9. Stafford, Nathan      1828      1903      (w) Mary Ellen Albright  
s/o Sarah Moffitt  
& Frederick Stafford
- 10. Hunter, William S.      September-November 1901  
s/o Emma Albright      9-30-1901      11-18-1901  
& Claude A. Hunter      Tombstone inscription: "Asleep in Jesus"
- 11. Hunter, Emma A.      12-19-1903      6-3-1904  
d/o Emma Albright  
& Claude A. Hunter      Tombstone inscription: "Gone but not forgotten"

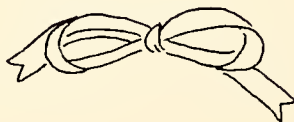
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- 13. McPherson, J. Ingram      1832      1900      (w) m.1 Lucinda York  
s/o Mary Conklin      m.2 Luena Edwards  
& James McPherson
- 14. #128 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 30. Stafford, Cicero C. 6-16-1867 5-25-1870  
s/o Catherine E. McCauley, 1st w/o  
& George Stafford IV
- 31. Stafford, Mary E. 7-3-1869 11-11-1870  
d/o Catherine E. McCauley, 1st w/o  
& George Stafford IV
- 32. Stafford, Mary "Polly" Amick 2-3-1819 Nov. 1869 (h) Balaam Stafford  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_ "May she rest in peace"
- 33. Stafford, Balaam 6-8-1822 5-31-1907 (w) Mary "Polly" Amick  
s/o Mary Hornaday  
& George Stafford Tombstone inscription: "At Rest"
- 34. #116 (possibly)  
Stafford, Infant daughter b/d 1850s  
d/o Mary "Polly" Amick  
& Balaam Stafford
- 35. #115 (possibly)  
Stafford, Infant son b/d 1850s  
s/o Mary "Polly" Amick  
& Balaam Stafford
- 36. Holmes, Mary Elizabeth 7-16-1908 3-26-1911  
d/o Mary Ann Elizabeth Foust  
& Rev. Geo. W. Holmes
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- 39. \_\_\_\_\_ sunken grave - unmarked  
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- 40. Shaw, Stephen Morris 1-11-1952 2-18-1970  
s/o Dorothy Nance  
& Robert Morris Shaw  
Pfc., U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam



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4. Stafford, George Newton 8-12-1860 3-2-1934 (w) Mary "Mollie" McPh.  
s/o Mary Ellen Albright Tombstone inscription:  
& Nathan Stafford "To him, we trust, a place is given  
Among the Saints with Christ in heaven."

5. Stafford, Mary "Mollie" McPherson 1866 11-2-1901 (h) Geo. Newton Stafford  
d/o Caroline Brower, 1st w/o Tombstone inscription:  
& William McPherson "Dearest one we'll never forget thee,  
Love's remembrance hopes to meet thee."

6. Stafford, Willie N. July 1897 "Aged 22 days"  
s/o Mary "Mollie" McPherson  
& George Newton Stafford "Our little bud of love, to bloom with God above"

7. #131 \_\_\_\_\_ Reference / research:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth (Johnson) Bailey born c.1850s  
& David Bailey born c.1850s  
Grandparents of Baileys  
possibly buried at Bethel

8. #132 \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. \_\_\_\_\_ "Wood" (?)  
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10. Teague, Nancy J. York 12-6-1825 5-31-1908 (h) Isaiah Teague  
d/o Mary Elliott  
& Braxton York

11. Foust, Jacob b/d Dec. 9, 1893  
s/o Emley Clementon Graves 2/w/o  
& Elbridge Foust

12. Foust, Fannie E. 10-1-1884 10-9-1886  
d/o Nannie Coble 1st w/o  
& Elbridge Foust

13. Foust, Nannie Ann Coble 2-16-1854 1-3-1892 (h) 1st w/o  
d/o Eliza Puryear Elbridge Foust  
& Daniel Coble

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16. McPherson, Lonnie Jan. 13 - May 22, 1878  
s/o Elizabeth "Lizzie" McPherson, 1st w/o  
& James Marcellus "Jim" McPherson

17. McPherson, Elizabeth "Lizzie" McPh. 1855 1878 (h) 1st w/o James M.  
d/o Lucinda York, 1st w/o "Jim" McPherson  
& J. Ingram McPherson

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20. #136 Thompson, William 8-16-1826 10-6-1901 (w) Mary "Polly" Foust  
s/o "Dutch" "Katie" Catherine Snotherly  
& Josiah "Uncle Si" Thompson

21. Thompson, Mary "Polly" Foust 3-10-1836 12-25-1861 (h) William Thompson  
d/o Sallie Snotherly  
& Peter Foust

22. Foust, Sally Snotherly 3-10-1808 7-12-1868 (h) Peter Foust  
d/o Mary Loy  
& Peter Jacob Snotherly

23. Foust, Peter 1-6-1805 9-1-1888 (w) Sally Snotherly  
d/o Mary Snotherly  
& Peter Foust

24. Foust, Jacob 10-14-1838 7-20-1896 (w) m.1 Sophia Clapp  
s/o Sally Snotherly m.2 Artellia Holland  
& Peter Foust Pvt., Co. G, 44th NC Inf. Regt., CSA m.3 Luzena Ferrell

25. #137 \_\_\_\_\_  
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26. #138 \_\_\_\_\_  
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27. #139 (possibly John Barbee) "before 1877" (per family notes)  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_ The family of John Barbee lived in the Bethel  
& \_\_\_\_\_ community, mail address "Clover Orchard."  
Attendance records show the children of John  
Barbee enrolled at Bethel School in 1858. When daughter Sarah Barbee and John A.  
Bivins applied for a marriage license in Alamance County in 1877 she told that  
both her parents were dead. A story of son, Sgt. George W. Barbee's daring  
action in the Civil War appears elsewhere in this publication.

28. Albright, George W. 5-29-1845 12-10-1907 (w) Ruth Frances Barbee  
 s/o Eleanor "Nellie" Stockard Masonic emblem  
 & William Albright Tombstone: "He was a Good Mason"  
 Pvt., Co. E, 13th Battalion N.C. Light Artillery, CSA

(Husband and wife born on the same day.)

29. Albright, Ruth Frances Barbee 5-29-1845 2-3-1924 (h) George W. Albright  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & John Barbee

30. Thompson, Mary Ellen Stafford 3-6-1847 7-3-1871 (h) George Thompson  
 d/o Malinda Albright, 1st w/o Pvt., Co. G, 44th NC Inf. Regt., CSA  
 & William Stafford Tombstone: "Faithful to her trust, even unto death."

31. Confederate marker for Lewis Stafford 1832-1865.....died in the Civil War  
 Pvt., Company H, 1st NC Inf. Regt.

s/o Mary Hornaday  
 & George Stafford, III

Husband of Mary Ann Shaw

Pvt. Lewis Stafford was captured;  
 held prisoner at Salisbury, N.C.;  
 relegated to Camp Chase, Ohio, where  
 he died of typhoid fever; was buried  
 in the Confederate Cemetery at  
 Columbus, Ohio.

William Erwin, of the Manuscript  
 Department of Perkins Library, Duke  
 University, did personal research on  
 Bethel's missing soldier. On finding  
 his grave...he placed a red rose.

Our thanks to "Bill" Erwin



Pvt. Lewis Stafford  
 Confederate Cemetery  
 Columbus, Ohio

32. "M.S." (initials only)  
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33. "J.N.S." (initials only)  
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34. Stafford, Mary Ann "Mollie" January - December 1864  
 d/o Mary Ann Shaw  
 & Lewis Stafford

35. Stafford, Catherine E. McCauley 11-27-1842 2-22-1877 (h) 1st wife of  
 d/o Cynthia Neville \*George Stafford IV  
 & Benjamin McCauley \* Grandfather of Astronaut Thomas Stafford

**ASTRONAUT THOMAS STAFFORD HAS MANY CLOSE TIES WITH BETHEL**

----- Cousins by the Dozens -----

(See story on following page)



ASTRONAUT THOMAS STAFFORD HAS MANY CLOSE TIES TO BETHEL

Astronaut Thomas Patton Stafford has so many close kinship ties to Bethel that it could almost be called his "home church" in North Carolina.

His paternal grandparents are buried here; their descendants too numerous to mention. His grandfather, George Stafford IV's first wife, Catherine E. McCauley, and two of their children are buried in this row. After Catherine's death, George married second, Mariah "Polly" Thompson of the Salem Methodist Church community where they moved their membership and are buried. Polly's brother, Sabert W. Thompson, is buried at Bethel (see story, page 61, Row 17 #35). Their parents were "Big John" and "Betsy" (Wood) Thompson. "Big John" was a son of Thomas Thompson, whose father was the early settler "English Tommy" Thomas Thompson.

Grandparents George and Polly (Thompson) Stafford's daughter, Emily, married Rev. William Pike, whose son, Will Pike, is buried here at Bethel in Row 13.

George and Polly's son, Sabert Stafford, moved to Oklahoma where he married Mary Patton, of the Patton-Foust ancestors of early Alamance County. Sabert and Mary's son, **Thomas Patton Stafford** was one of the chosen few to be named pioneers of outer space.

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| 36. | Morrow, Malinda Janie Stafford<br>d/o Mary Ann Shaw<br>& Lewis Stafford (died Civil War) | 5-9-1854                        | 3-26-1890 | (h) John S. Morrow<br>he married 2nd<br>Dora Atwater  |
| 37. | Stafford, James Thomas<br>s/o Mary Ann Shaw<br>& Lewis Stafford                          | ca. 1860                        | 4-25-1877 | "17y 3mo 26ds"<br><br>"Simply to the cross I cling"   |
| 38. | Stafford, John William<br>s/o Mary Ann Shaw<br>& Lewis Stafford                          | 1863                            | 2-1-1886  | "22ys 10ms 27ds"<br><br>"Death is certain, the hour unseen"   |
| 39. | Wood, William W.<br>s/o Mary Ann Shaw, who mar. 2nd<br>& W. Dennis Wood                  | 8-2-1874                        | 9-11-1893 |   |
| 40. | Wood, Lillie U.<br>d/o Mary Ann Shaw Stafford<br>& W. Dennis Wood                        | 3-27-1877                       | 9-21-1877 | Tombstone inscription:<br>"Of such as these is the kingdom of God"  |
| 41. | Wood, Mary Ann (Shaw) Stafford<br>d/o Mary "Polly" Thompson<br>& William Shaw            | 7-28-1834                       | 5-7-1905  | (h) m.1 Lewis Stafford<br>(died Civil War)<br>m.2 W. Dennis Wood<br><br>Tombstone inscription: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from thenceforth, yea saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors and their works do follow them." |
| 42. | "M.A.W." (small marker; initials only)   | Cemetery records show grave of: |           |   |
|     | Wood, William Dennis<br>s/o Annie Hutchins<br>& Wilson Wood                              | 4-7-1850                        | 1-20-1934 | (w) m.1 Mary Ann Shaw<br>m.2 Roena Lineberry  |
| 43. | Wood, Roena Lineberry<br>d/o Malinda<br>& William Lineberry                              | 2-28-1866                       | 3-9-1938  | (h) 2nd wife of<br>W. Dennis Wood   |
| 44. | Shaw, Dorothy Mae Nance<br>d/o Kathleen Caldwell & Edgar Lee Nance;                      | 6-14-11921                      | 3-27-1981 | (h) Robt. Morris Shaw<br>Army Veteran, World War II   |
| 45. | Shaw, Robert Morris "Buster"<br>s/o Mary "Maggie" Shaw ?                                 | 5-21-1917                       | 11-5-1963 | (w) Dorothy Nance   |





- 16. York, Mary Elliot(t) 1804 (h) Braxton York  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_ Hoover  
 & \_\_\_\_\_ Elliott (Parents of Yorkshire, England)
- 17. York, Braxton 1798 (w) Mary Elliot(t)  
 s/o Lucy Burrow  
 & Jesse York (Parents of Yorkshire, England)
- 18. #155 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 19. #154 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 20. Bivins, Jehu 1830 5-2-1864 (w) Jane E. Leonard  
 s/o Mary McPherson (died Civil War; Kinston, NC) she latter married  
 & Thomas Bivins ? Simpson Thompson  
 Pvt., Co. E, 13th NC Battalion, CSA
- 21. #153 Ellington, William (w) Ruth Bivins  
 s/o Phoebe Bivins  
 & Marshall Ellington  
 Bugler, Co. G, 63rd NC Regiment, CSA
- 22. Ellington, Ruth Bivins 11-2-1817 4-25-1901 (h) William Ellington  
 d/o Mary McPherson  
 & Thomas Bivins
- 23. #152 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 24. #151 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 25. #150 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 27. #148 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 28. #147 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Row 20	Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery - Old Section		Row 20
29.	#146 Johnson, Sarah Thomas d/o Eliza Ann Boggs & Peter Johnson	1875	1876
30.	#145 Johnson, Alice d/o Eliza Ann Boggs & Peter Johnson	1877	1879
31.	#144 Johnson, George John s/o Eliza Ann Boggs & Peter P. Johnson	1879	1882
32.	#143 Johnson, J.Y. s/o Eliza Ann Boggs & Peter P. Johnson		
33.	Shaw, George P. s/o Elizabeth May & John Shaw	1-10-1867	12-12-1903 (w) Pattie Connor Tombstone: "He died as he lived, a Christian" "It was hard to give thee up; But thy will, O God, be done."
34.	Shaw, John s/o Mary "Polly" Thompson & William Shaw	1-26-1832	8-8-1907 (w) Elizabeth May "He shall rise again in the resurrection of the last day." Pvt., Cos. G & K, 6th NC Inf. Regiment, CSA
35.	Shaw, Elizabeth May "Betsy" d/o Catherine Efland & Ludwig May	6-16-1831	6-29-1908 (h) John Shaw "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord"
36.	Shaw, Flora A. Long d/o _____ & _____	1-6-1867	3-1-1904 (h) Frank Shaw "A precious one is gone. A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home which never can be filled."
37.	Shaw, Robert s/o Flora Long & Frank Shaw	1901	1901
38.	Shaw, William Alson s/o Elizabeth May "Betsy" & John Shaw	3-28-1856	7-14-1919 (w) Bettie Phillips Inscription on reverse side of marker (see below)
39.	Shaw, Bettie A. Phillips d/o Rebecca Turner & Madison Phillips	12-24-1860	8-6-1926 (h) William A. Shaw
40.	Wright, Mary Maggie Shaw d/o Flora Long & Frank Shaw	1896	1936 (h) Harvey Wright
41.	Shaw, John Frank s/o Elizabeth May & John Shaw	7-6-1864	4-16-1939 (w) m.1 Flora Long m.2 Annie McKinney m.3 Jennie Buckner (d/o Emily Culberson & Cicero Buckner)

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From above: #38 - William Alson Shaw

Tombstone inscription: "I know you are safe dear father,  
Safe in the home above;  
The one prepared for the pure in heart,  
The home of peace and love."

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (John Starr plot) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ (John Starr plot) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3. Holt, Sterling R. 4-3-1892 6-11-1972 (w) Annie \_\_\_\_\_  
s/o Margaret Albright (Born in Ireland)  
& Seymore Holt, Jr.  
Cpl., U.S. Marine Corp. WW I
- 4. Starr, Betty Holt 12-17-1889 6-23-1975 (h) Lacy M. Starr  
- d/o Margaret Albright  
& Seymore Holt, Jr.
- 5. Starr, Lacy Monroe 5-22-1891 4-16-1966 (w) Betty Holt  
s/o Malinda Neese  
& John Allen Starr
- 6. Quakenbush, Betsy Ellen Albright 12-11-1850 9-20-1930 (h) Elias M. Quakenbush  
d/o Mary "Polly" Wright  
& John S. Albright "Gone but not forgotten."
- 7. Quakenbush, Elias M. 6-24-1852 4-12-1912 (w) Betty Ellen Albright  
s/o Lydia Williams  
& John Quakenbush "Gone but not forgotten."
- 8. Holt, Claud J. 3-19-1888 9-15-1906 Mason  
s/o Margaret Albright  
& Seymore Holt, Jr.
- 9. #167 Holt, Samuel 1891 1891  
s/o Margaret Albright  
& Seymore Holt, Jr.
- 10. #168 Holt, Gurney 1892 1892  
s/o Margaret Albright  
& Seymore Holt, Jr.
- 11. Holt, Margaret Albright 8-20-1861 11-28-1894 (h) Seymore Holt, Jr.  
d/o Mary "Polly" Wright  
& John S. Albright
- 12. Holt, Seymore, Jr. 12-18-1863 10-22-1894 (w) Margaret Albright  
s/o Mary Thompson, 2nd w/o  
& Seymore Holt, Sr.
- 13. #173 Cook, Mary Viola Albright 2-22-1872 6-27-1896 (h) George H. Cook  
d/o Mary "Polly" Wright  
& John S. Albright Parents of Editor Staley A. Cook
- 14. Albright, William 8-23-1853 2-12-1913?31 Never married  
s/o Mary "Polly" Wright  
& John S. Albright

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16. #174 \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. #175 \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Stout, Luther M. ca. 1878-1880  
s/o Mary Jane Pace  
& Lemuel Stout

19. #176 (possibly) Mary Jane Pace 1857 1st w/o Lemuel M. Stout  
he m.2 Susan Pace  
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21. #178 \_\_\_\_\_  
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22. #179 Norwood, Mildred Hortense  
d/o Rosa Allene Teague  
& Jack Norwood

23. #180 Stout, Henry, Sr. 1802 1893 (w) Susan Wells  
s/o Ann Stout  
& Frances Stout

24. #181 Stout, Susan Wells 1804 1886 (h) Henry Stout, Sr.  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
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25. Stout, Camma John N. 1838 1863 (w) ? Lottie Reaves  
s/o Sally Davis cast metal marker  
& Aaron Stout  
(Family notes state: "Died in the Civil War")

26. #182 \_\_\_\_\_ (Reference / research)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Sally Davis d/o  
Thomas & Deborah (Hall) Davis

27. #183 \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron Stout s/o  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Francis & Ann (Stout) Stout

28. #184 \_\_\_\_\_ (possibly: Stout, Elizabeth Moon 1789-1846)  
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\_\_\_\_\_ 1st w/o John Stout, who m.2 Sarah Trueblood  
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Editor's note: Research materials of the late Prof. R. H. Hutchison indicate  
the possible identity of Stout family members.







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16. \_\_\_ sunken grave \_\_\_  
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17. \_\_\_ sunken grave \_\_\_  
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18. #202 \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. Ellington, Phoebe Bivins                      7-21-1821      9-23-1908      (h) Marshall Ellington  
d/o Mary McPherson  
& Thomas Bivins

20. Ellington, Marshall                              3-24-1820      2-27-1875      (w) Phoebe Bivins  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 28. #198 (possibly) Stout, Eliza Scotton 1st w/o Nathan Stout  
(on marriage bond: 13 April 1866; Louisa S. Cotton)  


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- 29. #197 

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- 30. #196 

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- 31. #195 Stout, Dora 1871 1895  
d/o Mary York  
- & Nathan Stout
- 32. #194 Stout, Elizabeth "Betsy" 4-16-1835 11-15-1926 Never married  
d/o Susan Wells (sister of Nathan Stout)  
& Henry Stout, Sr.
- 33. Stout, Nathan 1-20-1843 6-2-1892 m.1 Eliza Scotton  
s/o Susan Wells m.2 Mary York  
& Henry Stout, Sr.
- 34. #193 Stout, Mary L. York 1844 1910 2nd w/o Nathan Stout  
d/o Mary Elliott  
& Braxton York



CEMETERY CHAIRMAN 1986-1987 RAYMOND BRAXTON

has given more hours in cemetery maintenance than anyone else alive today. As a youngster, going to the cemetery with his father and grandfather, Raymond's assigned duty was to "pull honeysuckle and poison ivy off of the fence." That was a decade before Bethel's cemetery fence was removed over 50 years ago!

Appreciation to Raymond Braxton

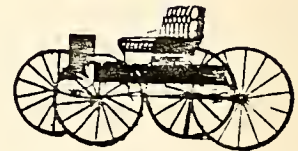
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- 6. Cooper, Julia Savannah Bradshaw 5-16-1865 2-6-1922 (h) Thomas H. Cooper  
d/o Camma Green  
& Joseph C. Bradshaw
- 7. Cooper, Thomas Haywood 1-11-1861 12-13-1901 Julia Savannah Bradshaw  
s/o Eliza Ringstaff (13 children)  
& Richard Cooper
- 8. Stutts, Mary Elizabeth 1884 6-24-1926 m.1 David F. Cooper  
"Maude" McPherson m.2 Austin B. Stutts  
d/o Margaret Davis  
& John McPherson
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- 11.\* Cooper, Mary Jane Ray 12-22-1862 11-24-1936 (h) Samuel M. Cooper  
d/o Mary A. \_\_\_\_\_  
& Brice A. Ray
- 12.\* Cooper, Samuel Milton 3-8-1853 4-28-1916 (w) Mary Jane Ray  
s/o Eliza Ringstaff  
& Richard Cooper
- 13.\* Cooper, James Adolphus 8-19-1881 9-2-1902  
s/o Mary Jane Ray  
& Samuel Milton Cooper

\* Preservation: around the three above graves -  
seashells in the poured concrete curbing  
express the tradition of that period.

- 14. Foust, Emley Clementon Graves 10-21-1851 10-12-1924 2nd w/o Elbridge Foust  
d/o Caroline Wood  
& Jacob Graves
- 15. Foust, Elbridge 9-23-1848 10-14-1914 m.1 Nannie Coble  
s/o Sallie Snotherly m.2 Emley Graves  
& Peter Foust
- 16. #210 \_\_\_\_\_  
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(fragment of cedar shrubbery)
- 17. #211 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 19. (Baby) McPherson, Paul July 27, 1911 ? (Twin with Ruth McPherson  
s/o Virgie Allen Little Thompson)  
& Thomas Webber McPherson
- 20. #212 Bivins, Hannah 7-9-1833 5-10-1912  
d/o Mary McPherson  
& Thomas Bivins
- 21. Bivins, Betsy 3-7-1820 6-1-1909  
d/o Mary McPherson  
& Thomas Bivins
- 22. #213 Bivins, Rebecca 7-23-1831 5-7-1913  
d/o Mary McPherson  
& Thomas Bivins
- 23. #214 Bivins, Polly 2-27-1827 9-29-1914  
d/o Mary McPherson  
& Thomas Bivins
- 24. Wells, William John 2-22-1854 2-28-1918 Mary Frances Bivins  
s/o Abigail Stafford  
& Joel Wells
- 25. Wells, Mary Frances Bivins 7-22-1860?64 10-10-1914 (h) Wm. John Wells  
d/o Jane E. Leonard  
& Jehu Bivins
- 26. (possibly) Johnson, Rosa Kivett ca.1820s (h) Mahala Johnson  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. #142 (possibly) Johnson, Alice 1877 1879  
d/o Eliza Ann Boggs  
& Peter P. Johnson

- 28. #215 (possibly) Johnson, George                    1879                    1882  
s/o Eliza Ann Boggs  
& Peter P. Johnson
- 29. #131 (possibly) Johnson, Sarah Thomas 1875                    1876  
s/o Eliza Ann Boggs  
& Peter P. Johnson
- 30. Johnson, Eliza Ann Boggs                    2-28-1844            3-8-1924    (h) Peter P. Johnson  
d/o Susan \_\_\_\_\_  
& Thomas Boggs (potter)
- 31. Johnson, Peter P.                    7-1-1841            12-9-1910    (w) Eliza Ann Boggs  
s/o Rosa Kivett  
& Mahala Johnson  
Pvt., Co. B., 13th NC Battalion, CSA
- 32. Johnson, Arlena June "Lena"            9-11-1867            2-28-1934    Never married  
d/o Eliza Ann Boggs  
& Peter P. Johnson
- 33. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 34. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Unmarked graves at Bethel.....

Bethel has an old cemetery. It was around the 1840s when statistics show the transition from burial in private, family cemeteries to a centralized church maintained cemetery. Friends Meetings in the area had their burial grounds, however there were a number of families in south Alamance who were not of the Quaker faith.

Or, as it has been said, "Professing Quakers but practicing Methodists."

A good number of Bethel graves were once marked with field stones. At some point in time, when the "scratched on" names had weathered away, the field stones were removed. At some of these once-marked graves, a small square of cement was poured and given a number to mark the place.

In the time lapse of over 140 years, there are noticeable instances of sunken soil in the rectangular shape of other unmarked graves.

Several rows in Bethel cemetery have off-sets; which may be explained by this recollection of Dewey Thompson:

"In those earlier years at Bethel, they had so much trouble when they'd dig a grave (that it was confusing). They'd dig into where somebody had already been buried. They didn't have a marker....and all that.

"They just took the cemetery and leveled it, lined it up and started all over again as best they could."

"A lot of people are buried out here at Bethel that nobody knows. Just graves, but no markers. Nobody now knows who they were."









BETHEL'S MYSTERY GRAVE: "WHO WAS JOHN RICE?"

(Row 24, #38)

....His life took him from prince to pauper.

By Pat Bailey

Mystery, or an element of the unknown, has long surrounded the unpretentious grave in the extreme southeast corner of Bethel cemetery.

All that was known about this grave was that it carried the name "John Rice."

All that was known about the man was that he had a wife named "Anna".

As this cemetery survey progressed, the story that unfolded is unusual.

RECOLLECTION: as told by Lister Wood from his grandmother Dinah Herren Allen.

Around the turn of the century, community custom was strict regarding burial inside Bethel's fenced cemetery. Whether or not there are black burials remains in legend. Handed down accounts speak positive, although carried over records have not shown the "who" or the "where."

Within sight of Bethel Church was a private cemetery for slaves. Once marked by a pear tree on the hilltop rise, the area is now cleared pasture continuously swept by winds from across Cane Mountain.

Be that as it may, John Rice did not come under the "pear tree rule."

John Rice lived in the community as a loner. At his death there was less than full approval of his burial with residency status inside the cemetery fence.

"Dunc" (Duncan) Cooper is the one who had the final say: "He isn't black. He is white. He is one of us. Let him be buried here, but outside the fence."

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"John Rice was born in Germany. His father worked in the orchards for the King (name unknown). Young John often played with one of the King's sons of the same age. When John was 16, he and his royal playmate were scuffling in a release of boyish energy. John told that he was swinging, around in circle, his companion, who fell, hitting his head on a rock.

"Whether or not it was fatal (John assumed that it was), he ran away. John said that "either way, I knew I would be hung on the spot."

John ran. He ran frightened, and far. He never returned to his home. He never again saw his parents. He made his way to the waterfront to look for a boat that would take him further away. He hired on a ship readying to leave for America.

At age 16, the young John Rice left his homeland as a "Wanted Person."

"John told that he worked for two years, until he could get his citizenship papers, and then started drifting. The route or directions of his travels are not known, other than when he arrived here (southern Alamance County) he was married. His wife, Anna, was reportedly half-Indian.

"Their final years were in a crude shanty on the old Henry Stout place. John died on a floor pallet. There was no bed in the house.

"Some men of the community prepared him for burial. They asked his wife if she wanted to look at him..."...to see him laid out?"

"Her reply was, 'He didn't look after me while he was alive, and I won't do it for him after he is dead.'

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Editor's note: There is no further reference of Mrs. Anna Rice after her statement that she was going to live in the County Home. The Bethel Memorial Association has placed a marker for John Rice. The next time you are in his corner, share a flower.

Loneliness could be a cry for understanding.

## **Bethel Cemetery - Northeast Section**

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Burials in Bethel Cemetery's "Northeast Section" are shown here by names only...until a new numbering sequence is worked out, and/or sub-section locator maps are prepared.

- 1. Thompson, S(abert) Foust                      1-4-1888      8-12-1974    (w) Effie C. Richardson  
s/o Eleanor Foust  
& Robert S(abert) Thompson
- 2. Thompson, Effie C. Richardson            3-22-1887    12-20-1962    (h) S. Foust Thompson  
d/o Della Mann  
& Amos J. Richardson

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- 3. Burke, Morris T.                              9-29-1909      5-2-1982    (w) Martha Elizabeth Thompson  
s/o Lula F.  
& W. J. Burke

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- 4. Guthrie, Herbert Taft                      10-4-1912      7-27-1971    (w) Allene Thompson  
s/o Lillie Curl  
& Oliver C. Guthrie, Sr.
- 5. Guthrie, Allene Thompson  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_

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- 6. Garrison, Jeffrey Robert                  5-18-1962      4-25-1964  
s/o Agnes K. Bailey  
& Robert L. Garrison

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- 7. Mauro, Joseph Allen                      7-27-1912      10-17-1976    (w) Bonnie Thompson  
s/o Beatrice Iannone  
& Dante Mauro  
Cpl., Army Air Forces, World War II
- 8. Mauro, Bonnie Thompson  
d/o Belle Stafford  
& Claude Thompson

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- 9. Brown, Ernest Dillinger                  4-7-1900      10-1-1973    (w) Nancy Bivins  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Brown, Nancy Bivins                      12-10-1910                      (h) Ernest D. Brown  
d/o Ione "Onie" Thompson  
& J. Braxton Bivins

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11. Lindley, Tyree S. 3-5-1911 11-16-1985 (w) Mary Barnwell  
 s/o Annie Thompson  
 & Ressa/Rezzie Lindley  
 Sgt., U.S. Army Air Corps, World War II
12. Lindley, Mary Barnwell (h) Tyree S. Lindley  
 d/o Elizabeth C.  
 & Alexander Barnwell
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13. Meisenheimer, Margaret Foust 2-6-1916 (h) Clyde F.  
 d/o Margaret Bivins Meisenheimer  
 & George Amick Foust
14. Meisenheimer, Clyde F. 10-25-1911 (w) Margaret Foust  
 s/o Lillie Marlowe  
 & Asa Meisenheimer
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15. Foust, Billy Hall 5-18-1941 11-14-1941  
 s/o Erline Pyrtle  
 & Ernest Eugene Foust
16. Foust, Ernest Eugene 1-23-1902 12-29-1979 (w) m.1 Leola Vickers  
 s/o Margaret Bivins m.2 Christine Varner  
 & George Amick Foust m.3 Erline Pyrtle
17. Foust, Erline Pyrtle 3-7-1916 (h) 3/w/o Eugene Foust  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_
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18. House, Grace Helen \_\_\_\_\_ 11-16-1912 9-15-1984 (h) Robert F. House  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_
19. House, Robert F. 3-12-1898 9-1-1985 (w) Grace Helen \_\_\_\_\_  
 s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_
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20. Herring, Josephine Smith 5-26-1924 (h) D.L. Herring, Sr.  
 d/o Anna  
 & Zeb Vance Smith
21. Herring, Dee Lucian, Sr. 5-20-1921 11-21-1986 (w) Josephine Smith  
 s/o Rachel Kimball  
 & James Thomas Herring "Tom"
22. Herring, Roger Wayne 7-16-1960 7-24-1977 Auto accident  
 s/o Josephine Smith  
 & Dee L. Herring, Sr.



23. Foust, D. Luther, Sr. 3-30-1891 8-4-1972 (w) Zola B. McPherson  
 s/o Nannie Coble  
 & Elbridge Foust

24. Foust, Zola Belle McPherson 8-1-1896 2-17-1974 (h) D. Luther Foust  
 d/o Sarah Terry  
 & Gray McPherson

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25. Foust, Amick 2-3-1907 12-14-1962 (w) Naomi Martin  
 s/o Margaret Bivins  
 & George Amick Foust

26. Foust, Naomi Martin  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Foust, Dorothy B. 11-5-1905 (h) David R. Foust  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_

28. Foust, David Ralph 11-8-1904 10-30-1985 (w) Dorothy B.  
 s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_

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29. Linens, Mary Cheek (Robbins) 9-8-1934 (h) m.1 Joe Linens  
 d/o Nancy m.2 Taylor Dean  
 & G. D. Cheek

30. Linens, Joseph 9-18-1931 9-26-1972 (w) Mary Cheek  
 s/o Cassie Overman  
 & Lewis Linens

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31. Whittemore, James Minor, Sr. 11-29-1900 10-13-1972 (w)  
 s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_

32. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & \_\_\_\_\_

33. Saunders, "Mimi" \_\_\_\_\_ Whittemore (h) R. B. "Bob" Saunders  
 d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
 & J. M. Whittemore, Sr.

34. Saunders, R. B. "Bob" 8-26-1915 4-13-1985 (w) "Mimi" Whittemore  
 s/o Ella Kelly  
 & P.C. Saunders

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35. Howell, Clingman Woodard 5-25-1904 3-19-1967 (w) Lora Foust  
s/o Zora  
& W. F. Howell
36. Howell, Lora Foust 1-10-1899 6-10-1975 (h) Clingman W. Howell  
d/o Mary Jane McPherson  
& Robert Lee Foust "Bob"
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37. Foust, Talmadge 7-14-1900 4-10-1979 (w) m.1 Clara Goodwin  
s/o Mary Jane McPherson m.2 Clara Strangeland  
& Robert Lee Foust m.3 Delphina Moore
38. Foust, Clara A. Strangeland 6-11-1897 8-30-1967 (h) Talmadge Foust  
d/o Julia Thomas  
& Ole Strangeland
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39. Cook, Alice Foust 1-3-1916 (h) Kermit R. Cook  
d/o Mary Jane McPherson  
& Robert Lee McPherson "Bob"
40. Cook, Kermit R. 3-9-1914 8-24-1981 (w) Alice Foust  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_
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41. Foust, Bud 3-25-1914 9-13-1968 (w) Pauline Herron  
s/o Mary Jane McPherson  
& Robert Lee Foust
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42. Cole, William Ernest 8-25-1914 7-21-1980 (w) Maxine H. Herron  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_  
Pfc., U. S. Army, World War II
43. Cole, Maxine H. 4-13-1920 (h) Wm. Ernest Cole  
d/o Gay Shoe  
& William Henderson Herron
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44. Roberson, George Leroy, Jr. 7-3-1925 2-7-1982 (w) Joy Lee Wood  
s/o Walassa Louise Brewer she m.2 Clyde Goad  
& George L. Roberson, Sr.
45. Lowe, Anna Rae 3-25-1984 11-1-1984 (buried beside her  
d/o Jennifer Ann Roberson paternal grandfather  
& James Ray Lowe G. L. Roberson, Jr.



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56. Shaw, Grover Cleveland "Cleve" 3-4-1885 1-21-1983 (w) Edith E. Woody  
s/o Cornelia Ellen Albright, 2nd w/o  
& Robert Shaw "Bob"  
"Pioneer" of Eno River State Park
57. Shaw, Edith Elizabeth Woody 12-29-1891 10-17-1964 (h) G.C. "Cleve" Shaw  
d/o Eugenia Catherine "Jennie" Clapp  
& Thomas Newton Woody
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58. Miller, Dorothy Maude Foust 5-18-1921 6-14-1981 (h) Wm. "Bill" Miller  
d/o Maude Hunter  
& J. DeWitt Foust
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59. Roberson, Emma Holt 6-15-1908 1-24-1971 (h) Robt. "Bob" Roberson  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_
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60. Roberson, Irene C. (h) Ralph W. Roberson  
d/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_
61. Roberson, Ralph Waldo 5-3-1904 11-26-1981 (w) Irene C. \_\_\_\_\_  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_
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62. Spoon, Herman Ester 11-13-1914 6-25-1973  
s/o \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_  
N.C., S1 USNR, World War II
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63. Coveney, Elsie W. Thompson 9-19-1914 (h) Brooks Coveney  
d/o Sallie Petty  
& John Thompson
64. Coveney, Brooks Stanchel 11-12-1908 9-18-1976 (w) Elsie Thompson  
s/o Addie Biggerstaff  
& John Wessels Coveney  
Leader in the 1940s remodeling of Bethel Church

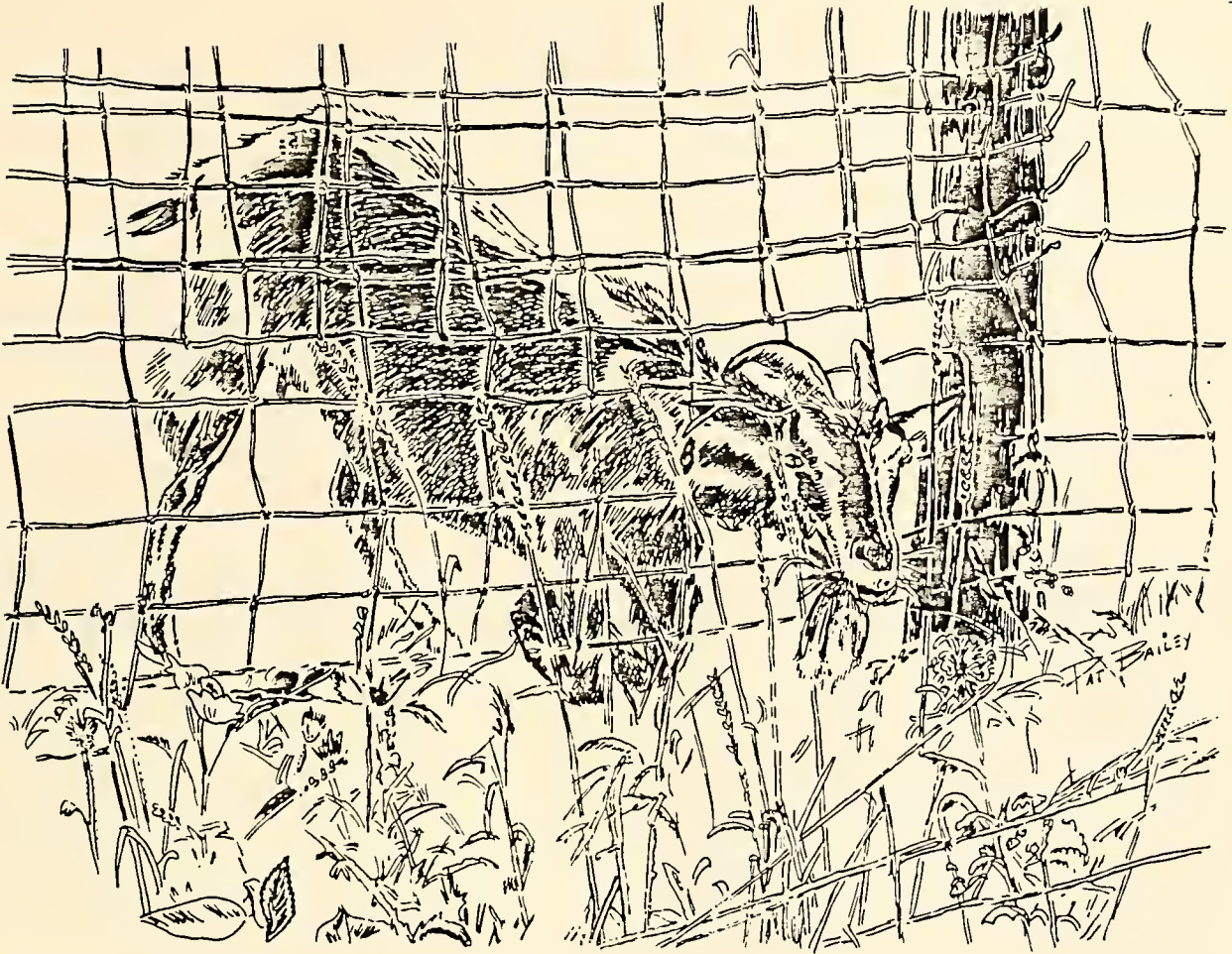
65. Robbins, Bessie Louise Holmes 8-21-1900 4-9-1983 (h) George B. Robbins  
d/o Mary A. Elizabeth Foust Teacher: Alexander Wilson Schools 1923-1960  
& Rev. George W. Holmes Southern High School 1960-1966  
Early leader Bethel Church Sunday School & Children's Dept.
66. Robbins, George Branson 6-6-1899 6-3-1973 (w) Bessie L. Holmes  
s/o Emma McGhee Principal: Alexander Wilson Schools 1927-1960  
& Sidney C. Robbins Dir. Instruction: Alamance County Schools 1960-1965  
(of Guilford County)
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67. Foust, Allene Thompson 5-15-1907 (h) Harvey C. Foust, Sr.  
d/o Sallie Petty  
& John Thompson
- 68.- Foust, Harvey Clinton Sr. 10-7-1906 3-9-1974 (w) Allene Thompson  
s/o Inez Wood  
& John Manly Foust
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69. Mann, Deborah McPherson 9-20-1890 9-13-1976 (h) Rufus H. Mann  
d/o "Nealie" Cornelia Workman  
& Thomas McPherson
70. Mann, Rufus H. 10-7-1887 7-19-1983 (w) "Debbie" Mann  
s/o Esperan (?)  
& Johnson Mann
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71. Garner, Maxine Ellington 8-19-1930 3-27-1981 (h) Franklin O. Garner  
d/o Exie Thompson  
& Van B. Ellington
72. Garner, Franklin O. 4-17-1920 (w) Maxine Ellington  
s/o Annie Williams  
& Oliver Garner
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73. Pye, Cecil Gilbert 1-5-1926 9-4-1975 (w) Margaret Ellington  
s/o Irene  
& Joe Grafton (Louisiana)  
Gy. Sgt., U.S. marine Corp, World War II, Korea
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NOTE: At the beginning of the INDEX for the NORTHEAST SECTION there is an explanatory statement: "Burials ...are shown by names only...until a new numbering sequence is worked out, and/or sub-section locator maps are prepared."

NOTE: Visually...an overview map of the Northeast Section is self-explaining, showing burials and plot reservations; but by relative listing....confusing!

NOTE: Actually...some graves on the North end of Row 16, #1&2, are inside the ancient plotting of the Northeast Section. However, for the expediency of concluding Phase I of this cemetery survey, those NE graves referred to are being shown here as an extension of row in listings of the Old Section.





SNOW CAMP .....Every mountain should have a goat, and a Maria.

It would have been a beautiful drive across Cane Mountain even without the goat herd. Sunlight was cutting through the haze on the hills. The country church bell was echoing its message across the distance and the hillside pasture.

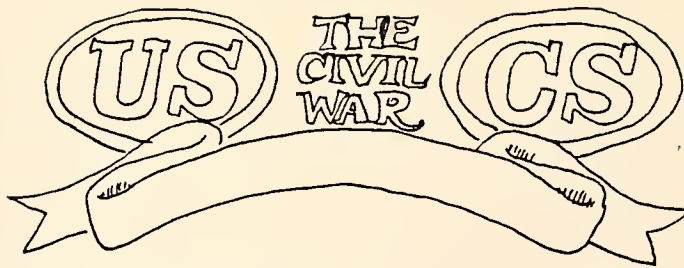
And there was the goat.....kneeling. The semi-wild goat bolted from the presence of a stranger who stopped the car to take a closer look.

Then, came the strong German voice, "I am Maria. You like my goats. You would like to see them better?"

The scene and the sound was like music from an alpine setting.

.....Pat Bailey  
Durham Morning Herald





In the War Between the States, the action of Confederate George W. Barbee of Bethel community was singled out as "of particular interest" when State Archivists wrote a history of Company G, 44th Infantry Regiment, N.C. State Troops:

"Sgt. George W. Barbee...enlisted at 'Clover Orchard' (NC) at age 21, on March 31, 1862. Mustered in as a Private. Promoted to Corporal in June 1863. Promoted to Sergeant in October 1864. Captured at the Appomattox River, Va., April 3, 1865. Confined at Point Lookout, Md., until released June 23, 1865.

"He carried the regimental flag until the night of April 1, 1865, when he wrapped a stone in it and dropped it in the Appomattox River, saying that 'No enemy can ever have a flag of the Forty-fourth North Carolina Regiment.'"

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 (1861-1865 Roster of NC Troops; Jordan & Manarin; Archives & History, Raleigh, N.C.)  
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In questioning the reluctance of Bethel community families to talk of the Civil War period, Madge Braxton recalled the quote of "Aunt Ellen" - Mrs. Ellen Braxton (Daniel Bivins) (David) Thompson (Bethel Row 12, #28), sister of Oscar C. Braxton.

"The older people wouldn't talk about it much," she said. "They called it the time of the troubles."

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**Company G** of the 44th Infantry Regiment had a generous number of south Alamance County men within its ranks. In a general summary, those that were not captured, died!

Richard Godfrey enlisted 2-1-1862; died four weeks later at Raleigh of typhoid fever. John Pugh enlisted 3-12-1862 and died six weeks later at Raleigh. Henry Foust, James Holmes, Green Nicholson and William Thompson enlisted together, 3-1-1862.

Captured together near Petersburg, Va., were Jacob Foust, Seymour P. Holt, Green Nicholson and Henry O'Daniel. Surviving the violent and hand-to-hand combat in defending the South Anna Bridge, Va., and taken prisoner were: George and Henry Foust, James Holmes, James Moore, Henry O'Daniel, Laban Payne and Allen Roberson. Confined at Fort Monroe, Va., all returned to duty except the two who died "at home", six months later ....six weeks and two miles apart. James Holmes (brother of Rev. George W.) died 1-31-1864. James Moore (son of Green, and sister of Mrs. Cornelia (Arlendo) Foust) died 3-14-1864...the same day as home neighbor and ill Company G infantryman, William Thompson. (See item, page 53) Will's brother, George, signing up to serve out his hitch, is shown in three different units of the 44th: Companies B, F & G.

Sabert Thompson and Green Nicholson were captured together at Bristoe Station. Handy Payne was captured at Sutherland's Station; Laban Payne at Hatcher's Run. George Thompson and Allen Roberson were captured at Burgess Mill. Nathaniel Roberson was on a special assignment near Petersburg, Va., when captured.

From this one Company G, held prisoner at the same time at Point Lookout, Md., were: Daniel Foust, George Barbee, Laban Payne, Allen Roberson, Nathaniel Roberson, and George and Sabert Thompson.

BY GEORGE, THEY DID IT! George Barbee and George Foust enlisted together at Clover Orchard, 3-31-1862. Barbee (see story above) drowned the regimental flag. George Foust, of Company G, was one of the eighty-two men of the 44th Regiment who was present for the surrender at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865.



IN MEMORIAL  
TO THE UNKNOWN UNION SOLDIER  
BURIED  
IN BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

His identity remains unknown. His grave remains unmarked.

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Three generations later the story still holds firm. D. L. Foust, Jr., great-grandson of Peter Foust (in whose home the soldier died), shares this family story:

"He (the Union soldier) was wounded when he came here. His horse brought him in. The family doctored on him. He died with a fever a few days later. I've been told that he was buried about the middle of Bethel cemetery. They took care with the grave so that it wouldn't be noticed as being different. The secrecy was in fear of retaliation from militia in the area."

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**Fact:** This happened in the closing days of the Civil War, probably in the Spring of 1865. After the soldier died his weapons remained in the community.

**Legend:** "When the wounded soldier's horse brought him to the farm house he was carrying a long rifle, a bayonet, and a sword...."

**Confirmation:** When his horse brought him to the farm house there was hanging by a strap from the saddle horn an Austrian imported mini-musket. The 56 cal. cap lock musket carries a wooden stock on which is scratched the initials "W.E.C." This is not proof positive of the person's identity for likely the gun had been liberated from some southern battlefield.

The four-sided bayonet that was sticking out of his blanket roll still easily attaches with a twist-clip at the end of the musket barrel.

The standard issue U.S. Calvary saber is for a right-handed person.



Notes from Pat Bailey's scrapbook:.....talking with "Uncle Dewey" Thompson

CEDAR CLIFF CHURCH GETS THE GO AHEAD.....

"I don't know who should get the credit for starting Cedar Cliff (Methodist Church), but when Dad (Alson Gray Thompson) and Uncle Buddy (Rev. Horatio Seymour Blair Thompson) and Uncle George (Thompson) and some of the Paynes had their membership at Bethel.....Cedar Cliff, you might say, was going under.

"They had such few members over there. They got in a pretty nice minister over there, and he started asking 'Why don't you people move your membership? It's closer....and your attendance would build up Cedar Cliff.'"

"It made sense all right. And it was closer. So Dad said to \_\_\_\_\_, I'm in favor of it.

"Uncle Buddy was a preacher too. He thought that would be fine. Well....they got together and had a meeting at Cedar Cliff. They notified all the members around that belonged to Bethel to come to the meeting. Everyone was invited to have their say.

"Some of the Paynes that was members thought the membership shift would be fine and dandy. Dad and Uncle Buddy and Uncle George and the Paynes and different ones, they decided to go along with it. They were the ones that explained it to Bethel.

"Of course it hurt Bethel, taking that many members out. but you could see the advantage. It was closer to Cedar Cliff, and it would be helping them out.

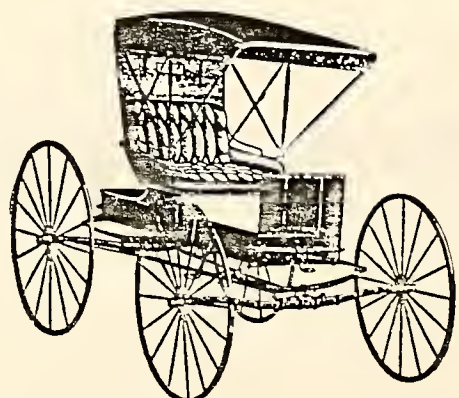
"And the next thing they came up with was they were going to move all their Bethel graves to Cedar Cliff. But that never did materialize.

"I know what Dad said. He said it was all in your mind as to how and where you attended church. And he didn't think it made any difference where you're buried or how you were buried.

"A lot of people around the neighborhood that are members of Cedar Cliff have some family buried at Bethel."

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"Dad talked a long time that we was going to move all our relations buried at Bethel over to Cedar Cliff. Then he got to thinking. All you could do was just take some of the dirt, or something, you know. But the body would still be here. They kinda gave up on the grave moving. At one time they were going to move all the Thompsons together....."







Henry Monroe Rich is buried in Bethel Cemetery, Row 10, #24

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THE CITY-COUNTY

# Country Folks



By EDITH MOGLE

It was a cold February day in 1922. A biting wind blew down Bass' Mountain and spread its icy fingers around the procession that made its way along the dirt road towards Bethel Methodist Protestant Church.

The horse drawn hearse bore the remains of Henry M. Rich, who had died the day before at the home of his <sup>daughter,</sup> ~~sister,~~ Mrs. M.L. Cheek.

Ernest Thompson held the reins of the sleek horses. Beside him sat young Alvis Rich, already a funeral director, but not serving in that capacity on that particular day. Alvis was a mourner at the funeral, for Henry M. Rich was his grandfather.

Alvis M. Rich, senior member of the firm of Rich and Thompson, is still an active mortician. The eighty-year-old Mr. Rich talked willingly and interestingly to me one day last week, but I realized that I was talking to a busy man who had only limited time to reminisce when four bodies lay in his establishment.

Mr. Rich was licensed in his chosen profession in 1922, the same year he rode the chilly road from Bass' Mountain to Bethel.

Incidentally, Alvis Rich recalls that on that day he got out of the unheated vehicle to walk a while in an effort to get warm. Some vicious looking dogs came charging out of the woods, whereupon the young undertaker got warm in a hurry as he raced to the safety of the hearse.

By 1922 Rich and Thompson had a motor hearse, but the condition of some roads made it necessary to take the team-drawn vehicle to an occasional country funeral.

The horse-drawn hearses were works of art, with drapes and Grecian columns carved into the wooden sides. The sedate carriers represented weeks of work by craftsmen. On either side of the stately hearses were lamps made of German silver, beautifully designed and executed. Such vehicles were much more expensive than the Packard hearse that the local funeral home owned by the early twenties.

Alvis Rich's father, William A. Rich, was licensed as a funeral director in 1902. Ernest Thompson joined him in 1916 and the firm assumed the name it carries today.

William Joseph Rich, son of Alvis and his wife, the late Mitylene Isley Rich, carries on the family tradition. Joe is a licensed funeral director and embalmer and a member of the business his grandfather founded.

Alvis and Mitylene's other children are Dr. Allen Rich, an eye surgeon in Florida, and daughter Allene, a medical technician at Grady Hospital in Atlanta.

The veteran director remembers home funerals and longer church services than those common today. Funerals are no longer held in homes; church rites are generally briefer than they used to be; graveside services are becoming more common.

Mr. Rich recalls that with the establishment of Trolinger's Florist in 1921, hot house flowers and professional arrangements began to appear at local burials. Before that time, home grown, seasonal flowers were used.

Mr. Rich observed that requests for cremation are still infrequent in this area.

I mentioned that my grandfather, the late Harrison Guthrie, along with my father and my uncles, Jim and Mallie, built coffin cases which they hauled by wagon to funeral parlors in Graham and Burlington. Alvis Rich remembered that and mentioned another source of funeral supplies in South Alamance. The late Anderson McBane kept a store of coffins at his shop in the Chatham Church Community.

Regardless of one's church affiliation or the lack of it, funerals in this section are religious in nature. Bereaved families turn to, or in some cases, back to the church to bury their dead.

They also turn to funeral directors whom they trust. Alamance County is blessed with such individuals. Our people are served by superior funeral establishments offering efficient and understanding services.

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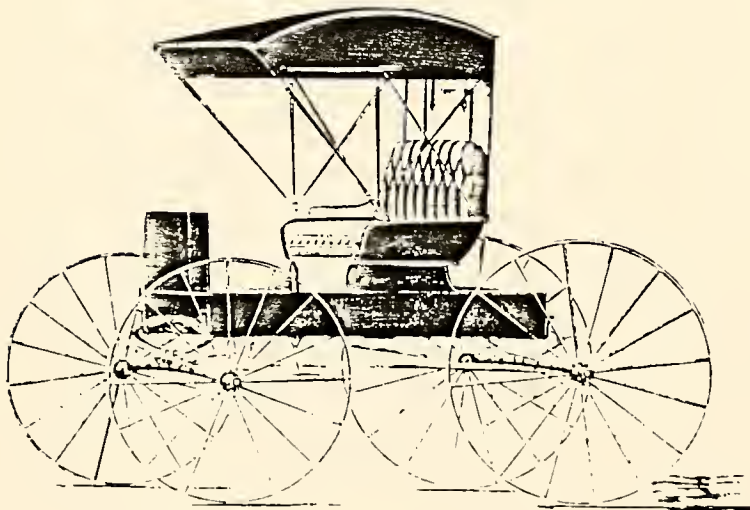
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